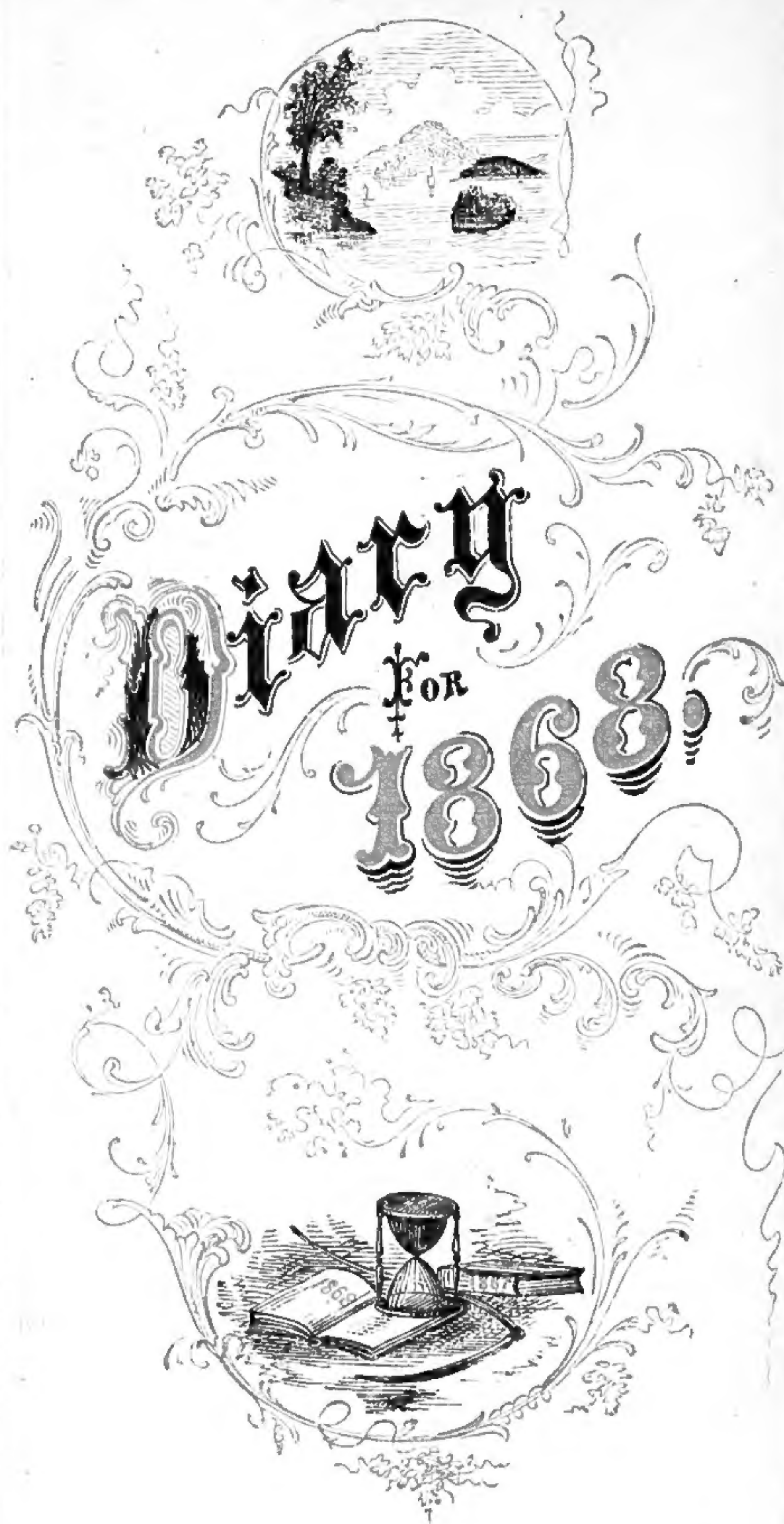


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| FULL MOON.... | | 29 | | 9 | 3 | A.M. | | 8 | 51 | A.M. | |

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Wednesday, January 1.

New Years Day
Cloudy and day broken
snowing very fast. Changed
into rain at about 10
A.M. and rained hard
the rest of the day.
About three inches of
snow fell but the rain
used up most of it.
Ther. about 34° - 48°
38°. Rose at 6 A.M.
with Dan and started
shooting. Got as far as the
Pine Swamp when the
storm forced us to return as
we were almost blinded. Saw
several tree sparrows & heard a crow.
Got back at 9 A.M. almost wet
through. I spent most of A.M.
in the barn fobling with Ruth.
Ruth came down to tea
in the evening & we played
several games of croquet.

Thursday, January 2.

Clear and a pleasant day. The sun melted most of the remaining snow. Ther. about 36° - 38° - 32° . Rose as usual and with Dan fed the dog. Rode down to Lee street with Dan, and came near being late to school. When I got back from school had some lunch as usual. Read a while and took a ride around Fresh pond on Tiger getting back just in time for dinner. Read first part of the evening and practiced Don in charging and fetching. He will now bring a glove to me but will not pick it up. Had a letter from Mr. Dexter today.

Friday, January 3.

Clear, warm and a beautiful day. Ther. about 34° - 45° - 34° . Rose as usual and fed Don. Walked down to school with the Thrushes. Came home through the Square and bought some parrot. Then had some lunch and started shooting. Went across the pond and then around the Pine swamp to Muskrat brook. Waited here for some time and at last shot a muskrat which Jack brought out. Saw a Titlark plainly and heard a crow. Got back at 5.30 P.M. Walked down from Fresh pond with R. Deane and E. Dodge. E. Dodge saw some Blackbird in the Longfellow's lot. Copied into my ledger in evening.

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Saturday, January 4.

Cloudy and snowed all day about 6 inches having fallen. Ther about 30-40-14. rose at 5.30 AM and went shooting with R Deane he taking my gun, and I using the musket. went through Belmont and Waltham and reached home at 4.30 PM covered with snow - Fired twice at Bluejays once at a Grey Squirrel and once into his nest. saw about 20 Snow-bustings, a Song Sparrow, Tree-Sparrows, Downies, Bluejays and a Rabbit. R Deane fired at a Muskrat. Saw a Dove asleep. went up to the Rookery in the evening. went to bed at 9 PM.

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Sunday, January 5.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther about 10-22-12 did not go out of the house all day. Was confined by a cold. read most of the morning. Mr Peine called in, in the evening. Father fed Don, Sleeking is now very good.

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Monday, January 6.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 12° - 30° - 14 . Rose at about 8 A.M. R. Dean called in immediately after breakfast and stayed a few moments.

Then Dr. Wyman called and after looking at my abscess lanced it causing me much pain. Kept a bread and butter poultice on it all day, it being quite comfortable. When I went to bed put on a flaxseed poultice. Was obliged to take landrune last night as I could not sleep. Mother read Martin Chuzzlewit to me most of the day. Lay on the sofa all day and did not rise till afternoon.

Father fed Don.

This came down & studied in evening.

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Tuesday, January 7.

Clear and a most lovely day for the season. Ther. 18° - 36° - 30° .

Rose at about 8 A.M. and fed Don as usual. Took the General in the open sleigh at 10 A.M. with mother and rode through Waltham, Newton & back through Watertown. Saw a Snow Bird, two Blue Jays, and a number of the sparrows. Had to take the inflated cushion to sit on. The sleighing was about the best that I ever saw certainly the best that we have had this year. Studied a little on Virgil. Went out to ride again with father in P.M. and saw about 70 Snow Buntings. In the evening got out my Virgil alone. Began to cut ice on Fresh pond to day.

Wednesday, January 8.

A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy but did not rain.

The snow melted a good deal and the sleighing is nearly spoiled.

Thur. about 32° - 38° - 32° . Rose at 7.45 A. M. and fed Don. Had breakfast and concluded to go to school but did not.

In A. M. took a ride with mother through Brighton, Brookline and Newton.

Saw several Blue Jays, and heard a man fire at a flock of Quail. Got home at about 12.30. Then copied into my ledger. In P. M. took a ride through Belmont with father & saw 4 Snow Buntings & about fifty Robins. Studied in evening. Tiger was clipped to day.

Thursday, January 9.

Clear and a pleasant day. Very windy in P. M. Thur. about 32° - 36° - 6° . Rose a little early and fed & exercised the dog. Went to school and rode down in the car. Was examined in Cicero by oral questions. Rode home in the car with Stoner. Read most of P. M. In the evening went up to the Russells at 6 P. M. which earlier than usual as I generally go at 8 P. M. Theo. was absent to day as he had a sore throat. Studied all the evening & fed Don as usual. Don nearly well now. The sleighing is very poor. In the fields the snow is only about three inches deep.

Friday, January 10.

Clear but very cold
and raw. Ther. about
4° — 15° — 6°.

Rose and usual &
fed and exercised
Don before breakfast.
Rode down to Lee
street and then walked
across. Rode up to the
Square and then took
a Craigie Street car home.
Had lunch as usual and
found Aunt Abbie here.
In P. M. changed Don
from the barn chamber
to an unoccupied stall.
Studied in the evening
at the Munster's as usual.
Thos. was absent today. The
Greek lessons are now doubled
but we have no grammar.
R. Deane had a "German"
to night to which I was
invited. Heard a Cuckoo
My abey is now nearly well.

Saturday, January 11.

Clear and a pleasant
day but rather windy
& raw. Ther. about
6° — 14° — 8°.

Rose at the usual
time and fed Don.
Then went up to see R.
Deane & (although it was
9.30 A. M.) found him in
bed. We started for Boston
at 11 A. M. Got off at Charles
St. & went down the Mt.
Hist. Rooms, saw in the
collection of bird a hybrid between
a Black Duck & Mallard.
Then had a Cap stew; then
bought an overcoat. Then went
to Dr. Stearnes; then through
Quincy Market & bought a White
fronted Goose for \$1.00 Saw Quail,
Woodcock, Swamp ducks, Black
Ducks, Mallards, Eider Duck, &
a large bunch of Snow Buntings.
Frad most of evening.

Sunday, January 12.

Clear but very cold & windy... Ther. about 6° - 10° - 6°. Fed Don before breakfast and attended church & sabbath school being late to the latter. Read the rest of the day. In the evening called in to see J. Nichols. The sleighing is entirely used up. Saw two Brown Creepers. The snow in the fields is about three inches deep.

Monday, January 13.

Clear and rather windy Ther. about 2° - 12° - 8°. Rose as usual and fed Don. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Stayed after school and made up to lessons in Cicero that I had lost when absent. When I got home had some lunch. Then seeing Alden passing I walked up to the pond with him. Spent the P.M. in watching them get in the ice. Saw the wood ducks & counted fifteen of them. Coming up Battle Pt. a runaway horse passed us & dashed into Mr. Stuber's. Got back at 6 P.M. & was late to dinner. Had some of the White Fronted Goose brought Saturday which was very good. Went up to Beda evening.

Tuesday, January 14.

A.M. for the most part clear. P.M. cloudy. Ther. about 8° — 24° — 18° . Rose as usual and fed Don. Then after breakfast started for school & rode from the Colledges down in the Bean's sleigh but nevertheless I was late. When I got home from school had some hinch & immediately started skating. Called for Ruth, but he could not go on account of a cold. Skated on 'the Pond' all the P.M. when the ice had been cut off & the water had frozen again. Saw Dick up there, Allen slid in. Heard some robins & a brown creeper this A.M. Got back at 5.30 P.M. Went up to R's in evening. I have a bad sty or else my eye lid is inflamed.

Wednesday, January 15.

Cloudy all day. Snowed most of A.M. but only about three inches of very light snow fell. Ther. about 10° — 22° — 8° . Rose rather later than usual & rode down in the car on account of my eye which is so swollen that I can scarcely see. Rode home in the car. Park. Shaw joined our Circ. class today. When I got home had some lunch and read a good deal from an old number of Harper's. After dinner fed Don as usual. Went up to the R's at about 7.35 P.M. The lighting is very poor now. The air now advancing in all our studies.

Thursday, January 16.

Clear but rather cold.
Thurs. about 14° -
 30° - 44° . Frost as
usual but being rather
late for breakfast father
took care of Don for me.
Walked down to Appian
Way with R. Deane &
then took the car. Walked
home from school.

Had lunch as usual
and spent the P. M.
in the house on account
of my eye which was
very painful. Pricked it
with a needle & put a
bread poultice on it when
I went to bed. Saw a
flock of about 30 robins.
Smith, a boy from Texas,
stabbed Howe in the back in
Mr. Orris' room in school
to day.

Friday, January 17.

Clear and pleasant.
Thurs. about 2° - 24° -
 12° . Rose as usual and
fed Don. Rode down
in the car but walked
home. When I got back
from school had lunch
as usual and then walked
up to the pond alone.
Found Farrar, Allen &
Wilson there skating
with about twenty or thirty
others on a place where the
old ice had been cut. I spent
the P. M. there and I never
saw better skating. I made
fell in & lost his skates.

I have got the Outer Edge
quite well. The champion
skater of Boston was skating
there. Got back at about
6 P. M. Fed the dog as
usual after supper. Saw
a very large flock of Tree Sparrows
& heard an old male sing finely.

Saturday, January 18.

Clear but cold. Ther. about 2° — 24° — 8° . Rose as usual & fed Don. Then after breakfast started shooting taking for the first time father's double barrel. Went up around Mt. Auburn to the "feeding grounds".

Shot 2 Blue Jays. Saw three robins, fifteen or twenty Blue Jays, Snow Birds, Gold Finches, Chickadees, & heard a Golden Winged Woodpecker. Saw everywhere tracks of Snow Buntings.

Got back at 1 P.M. Fixed the gun at a mark a good many times. In P.M. went up to the pond & had some very good skating although the ice was crowded. Studied at B's in evening.

Sunday, January 19.

Clear & pleasant for a winter's day. Ther. about 6° — 24° — 14°

Rose rather late & did not feed Don. Walked down to Sabbath school but did not go in as B. was very late. Walked around for a while & saw a Robin many Gold Finches & Snow Birds. attended church as usual. Read first part of P.M. In latter part of P.M. went up to the pond where they were cutting ice.

Uncle Albert came yesterday & stayed over to day.

Monday, January 20.

Cloudy all day and
 spit more a number
 of times. Ther. about
 14° - 35° - 30°.

Rose a little late & fed
 the dog. On the way
 down to school saw a
 flock of over two hundred
 Snow Buntings and
 five or six Robins.

Was late at school.

When I got home had
 some lunch and started
 skating. Found the
 ice rather soft in
 most places, but still
 the skating was fair.

Got back at about 6.
 10 P. M. Went up to
 the Russells in the
 evening as usual.

Only very few sleighs are
 now to be seen out.

Tuesday, January 21.

Cloudy and snowed
 steadily all day about
~~twelve~~ inches falling.
 Ther. about 30° - 36° -

24°. Rose as usual and
 fed the dog. Rode down
 to the High School on
 a puny. Went home
 from school. Heard
 a brown creeper & some
 Golden Crested Wrens.

After lunch went up to
 the Russells and studied.
 Dick came to dinner
 and spent the evening
 with us. We played croquet
 most of the time.

Fed Lou at about 7.30
 P. M. I have to study about
 an hour & a half out
 of school. Dick goes
 home to morrow.

Wednesday, January 22.

Heard a robin.
 Clear and a most beautiful day. Ther. about 16° — 32° — 40° . Rose as usual and fed Don. Rode down to school with father. We were dismissed rather early. When I got home from school had some lunch. Then went up to the Purcells and learnt the lessons for to-morrow. Got through at about 4.30 P.M. & immediately took Tiger & rode around Fresh pond. Saw a flock of about twenty Tit Larks. Heard a Brown Creeper & some Golden Crested Wrens. Got back at 5.30 P.M. In the evening went up to see R. Deane who has been sick.

Walked down with Mr. Denton.

Thursday, January 23.

Cloudy all day. Ther. about 10° — 40° — 40° . Morning cold & chilly. Began to rain at about 3 P.M. & rained until 9 P.M. when it cleared off. Rose as usual & fed the dog. Rode down in father's sleigh. Took my skates to school and spent the P.M. at the Skating Rink. The ice was rather soft and the numerous skaters cut it up badly. I was there as was also Whittimore & Chase. A skater from Brookline performed but he did not skate remarkably well. Saw two Snow Buntings. Called at Mr. Dexter's rooms & invited him to dinner to-morrow. Went up to R's in evening.

Friday, January 24.

Clear and a beautiful day and warm for the season. Ther. about 32° — 40° — 28° .

Rose as usual & fed Dan. Walked down to school & got late. When I got home from school ~~fed~~ some lunch and intended to take a ride on Yegu but Dan came just as I was going to start.

He stayed most of the P. M. and R. Dean came down. Mr. Dexter came and took dinner with us. Spent most of the evening in cleaning my single barrel which I put away. Saw about twenty Robins & a Brown Creeper to day.

Saturday, January 25.

Clear and one of the most lovely days that we have had this winter. Ther. about 18° — 30° — 26° .

Rose at 1:40 A. M. and went shooting, first through the Pine Swamp, then almost up to Belmont, then across to Felling Grounds & back by 'the river'. Shot three Snow Buntings by the river. Brought a Pigeon Hawk down but he got away. Saw two Song Sparrows, three Tit Larks, several Gold Finches & many Snow Buntings, the Sparrows, Snow Birds, Blue Jays, & Chickadees. Got home at 11 A. M. There took a ride through Watertown & Waltham saw 2 Gt. Crests, & a Red Tailed Hawk. In P. M. skinned the soaked out skin of a Cross Blackbird. Went up to the in evening. Slept from 8 P. M. to 10 P. M. in our yard.

Sunday, January 26.

Cloudy all day.

Ther. about 30° — 36° .
 10° . Bore as usual.

Walked down to Sabbath school and was late. Attended church.

Read all P. M. and most of evening. In evening also wrote a letter to Charlie Carter. Saw five or six Robins.

Snowed all P. M. & evening about four inches of light snow falling.

Monday, January 27.

Cloudy and snowed all day but the flakes were so fine that only about two inches fell. Ther.

about 12° — 28° — 22° .

Bore as usual but only exercised Don as in future I am going to feed him but once a day. Walked down to school with E. Dodge and was late.

When I got home had some lunch and then took a ride on Tiger up Concord Avenue & back through Waverly where to my surprise I saw a Yellow Throated Warbler. Saw Song & Tree Sparrows & Snow Birds. Went up to the Museum in the evening and studied about an hour. Don ran off this evening but came back again after the lapse of about thirty minutes.

Tuesday, January 28.

Cloudy and spit
snow nearly all day.

Thurs. about 18° —

24° — 20° . Rose

as usual and exercised

Don. Walked down to

Willard St. with E. Dodge

when a pony came along

and we rode down to

school on it. When I

got home from school

had some lunch. In

P. M. took a ride through

the righton with father.

There was a good deal

of sleighing on the Millden.

Went up to the Russells'

in evening. I have to study

only about an hour out

of school now. Snow about

ten inches deep & sleeping splendid.

Greek 2nd hour, Virgil 3rd, Latin

4th, Tuesdays & Thursday Greek

last hour.

Wednesday, January 29.

Cloudy and snowed
nearly all day but only
two or three inches fell.

Thurs. about 20° —

26° — 20° . Rose as

usual and exercised the

dog. Walked down to school

with E. Dodge but got

late. Rode up from the

Colledges coming home. Had

lunch when I got home

read most of P. M. for

it snowed so that I could

do nothing out of doors.

In the evening Farrar

called for me to go down to

the Park with him but

I did not go. Went up to

the Russells' in the evening

and studied as usual.

Thursday, January 30.

Cloudy most of A.M. and snowed a good deal. Cleared off at noon and the P.M. was very pleasant. Considerable snow fell last night & there is now about four or five inches in the fields.

Thurs. about 18° - 26° - 12°. Felt as usual & exercised the dog. Walked down to Springfield Way with Ruth & rode down the rest of the way on a pony. Rode most of the way home on a similar conveyance. Had lunch as usual when I got home. In P.M. took a ride with father & mother through Brighton & Brooklyn. The came down in the evening and studied with me as he was going to a lecture.

Friday, January 31.

Clear and a beautiful day. Thurs. about 6° - 24° - 10°. Felt as usual and exercised the dog. Rode most of the way down to school on a pony. Recited Grecian History as usual the last hour. Had my lunch when I got home from school. In P.M. went up to R. Deane's and spent most of the afternoon. Read most of the P.M. evening and did not study. About four or five inches of snow on the ground and the lighting is splendid.

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Saturday, February 1.

Clear and a pleasant day. Ther. about 6° - 30° - 20° . Rose at 6 A. M. Took Don and went around the Heron Swamp. Then finding the tracks of a boy of Quail charged into the middle of the swamp. Don after running through them put them up without pointing. Fired at one that flew over me & I think that I killed him. Followed them up and Don almost trod on a Ruffed Grouse and as it ran pulled several feathers out of it. I shot it on the wing & Don pulled its tail out. Got back at 10 A. M. & I think that I froze my feet. Stuffed the Grouse in A. M. Mr. Dexter came in and saw Don. Saw a B. Creeper & a Goldfinch.

Heard some robins.

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Sunday, February 2.

A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 20° - 80° - 30° . Rose as usual but did not attend Sabbath school as my feet were very sore on account of their getting frozen yesterday. Rode down to church in the car. Read first part of P. M. & then took a ride through Waltham where we visited Mr. Barnis & saw his Pointers but he was not at home. Then down to Brighton and saw Mr. Barnis dogs. Had most of evening.

Monday, February 3.

Clear but exceedingly cold. Ther. 40° - 18° - 7 below zero. Ron as usual but did not exercise Don. Rode down to school in father's sleigh. When I got home from school had lunch as usual. R. Dean came down in P.M. & spent the afternoon with me. The sleighing is now perfect.

Went up to R's in evening as usual.

Tuesday, February 4.

Clear but very cold. Ther. about 2° - 25° - 15° . Ron as usual. Walked down to the Common and rode down the rest of the way on a pony. Rode nearly all the way home from school. Had lunch as usual. Father carried me up to the Glacier in his sleigh and I skated there all the P.M. Got home at 6 P.M. Fed Don as usual and then went up to the R's. Began to review in Greek today. I will finish Ovid's Poeta in Cicero to morrow.

Wednesday, February 5.

Saw two robins.

Clear in A. M. P. M.
Cloudy with a "Snow Bank"
in the South. Ther.
about 4 below 26° —
24°. Began to snow at
7 P. M. and was moving
when I retired for the
night. Ron as usual
but did not exercise
Don. Rode down to
school with father.
Came home through
the Square. Went to
ride with father & mother
in P. M. & went over
to the Milldam & saw
the sleighing. Also cut
a few wads. Went
up to the R's in evening
as usual. The snow
in the fields is still
without a crust.

The sleighing is still
splendid.

Thursday, February 6.

Cloudy nearly all day.
About 1/2 of a foot of snow
fell last night. Ther.
about 22° — 36° — 24°.
Ron as usual and
exercised. Don. Walked
down to school with E.
Dodge. The Shuting Pink
was all in ruins this
morning as the roof fell
in last night on account
of the weight of the snow.
Walked up to the College
and rode up the rest of
the way. After lunch
cut a box of wads. Went
up to see L. Dean in P. M.
and took Don with me.
Went up to the R's in
evening.

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Friday, February 7.

Clear but very windy
and rain. Therm about
10° - 20° - 6°.

Rose as usual and
exercised Don. Took
down to school with
father in A. M.

We were dismissed
at recess. Came home
through the Square
and got a box for my
Humming Bird's nest.

Coming up Beath St.
saw about a dozen Robins
feeding on a Cedar tree
in the Bachelder's yard.

In P. M. took a ride
with father & mother
through Brookline.

Had most of the
evening.

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Saturday, February 8.

Saw three Robins & two
Golden Crests.

Clear and a pleasant day.
Therm. about 20° below zero
24° - 10° - 10°.

Woke at
6 A. M. intending to go
shooting but it was so
intensely cold that I went
back to bed again. Rose
as usual and had breakfast.
Then read for some time. Then
exercised Don. Went into
Boston at 10 A. M. Saw
a Snow Bunting feeding
in the road. Went up to
the State House but Mr.
Semmes was not in. Went
down to the market. They
had numbers of Black Ducks
from Randolph. Went down
to Jennings' store, & saw his dog.
Came out with Tiger & saw Mr.
Bacon's dog. Also looked at a
painted puppy in the Bird store.
Went shooting around the
Audubon in P. M. & shot
a Tree Sparrow but did not pick
it up. Studied at home in evening.

Sunday, February 9.

Cloudy. Morning broken
snowing. Changed to
rain at noon. Rained
all the rest of the day.
Ther. about 34° - 46° -
 34° . Ron as usual.
Attended church &
sabbath school. Called
in at Mrs. Dexter's rooms
on the way from school.
Made most of P. M.
Late in P. M. took a walk
with father up to Mt.
Abram & took Lion with
me. John Nichols came
to tea in the evening.
Saw about thirty Robins.

Monday, February 10.

Clear but very cold.
Ther. 18° - 12° - 4° .
Ron as usual. Walked
down to school with
R. Deane and got late.
Came home from school
with the boys as usual.
When I got home there
was a flock of about thirty
Robins in our yard.
In the first part of P. M.
R. Deane came down.
Then Father called for
me & I went skating
with him up to 'the pond'.
& we found it very good.
Got home at 6. P. M.
Went up to Kian
evening. Heard a Cuckoo.

Tuesday, February 11.

Clear & pleasant.
 Snowed for about a
 half an hour. Ther.
 about 2° - 18° - 6° .
 Rose rather early and
 walked down to
 school with E. Dodge.
 When I got back
 from school swept
 off a large pond in
 our yard. Skated then
 all the P. M. with
 Farsar, Swain, Washburn
 & Crosswell. Did not
 have to study in the
 evening. Went up &
 got H. Deane & E. Dodge
 & skated with them
 all the evening.
 The Robins have found
 out our Hawthorn
 tree and are there at
 all times of the day.

Wednesday, February 12.

Clear & pleasant.
 Ther. about 0° - 26° - 18° .
 Rose as usual and
 rode down to school
 in fethers sleigh.
 Rode up from the
 Gymnasium on an ice
 jump. Had lunch as
 usual; then E. Dodge
 came down & with Bill
 we swept the pond.
 Skated then all the
 P. M. with Wholman,
 Farsar, Allen, Washburn
 & E. Dodge. Father engaged
 my pointer puppy today.
 The yard was literally crowded
 with Robins all day as many as
 fifty being here at once & sometimes
 a dozen at once on the snow.
 Saw three Cedar birds
 the first of the season.
 Studied up on Virgil as we
 are to be examined to morrow.

Thursday, February 13.

Clear but very hazy.

Thawed a good deal and water stood in the streets. Ther. about 14° - 40° - 32° . Rose as usual and rode down to school with father.

Wrote our Virgil paper to day and found it very hard. I got out of school at 12 M. and immediately went into Boston. Father and I met Mr. Bacon & he instructed me how to use Billy which father bought.

We brought him out with us in the sleigh. There we found Farrar, Allen, & others on our pond so I skated with them till 5.15 P.M.

I spent most of the evening reading and did not have to study. The yard was full of Robins all day.

Friday, February 14.

Clear but rather windy.

Ther. about 10° . Rose about an hour early. Shot two Robins in the yard and Billy retrieved them in good style. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Came home from school with Dan. We first went up to the Deans with my pointers and saw Ruth. Then came back and Dan took Billy's skates and we skated on our pond all the P.M. Farrar, Allen and others skated with us. Dan left at 5.30 P.M. After dinner found R. Deane on the pond and skated with him for some time. Had most of the evening and went to bed at 9 P.M.

Saturday, February 15.

Cloudy but did not rain. Ther. about 20° - 36° - 34° . Rose at 6 A. M. and took Billy up to the Heron Swamp and beat the whole place carefully but found nothing except the traces of rabbits. Got home at 8.30 A. M. Then took mother down to the Somerville depot after I had left her there went on with the General through Waverly and Waltham. When I got back found several fellows skating and spent several hours on our pond. In P. M. took a ride with father through Waverly and Waltham and saw Mr. Barges and his dogs. Saw plenty of Robins.

Sunday, February 16.

Clear most of the day. Ther. about 30° - 32° - 18° . Rose as usual and let out Billy. Attended Sabbath school and church and walked down and up with R. Deane. Read the first part of P. M. In the latter part took a ride with father through Lexington. Visited Dr. Mason's and saw his two Scotch setters. Then went to Fier's the Bird Store man and got Jupiter leaving down with him to be sold. Went to bed at 9 P. M.

A gentleman at Watertown says that he has seen Blue Birds there I think today but I am not certain. They were seen in the state of Connecticut.

Monday, February 17.

Clear in A. M. & lower,
most of P. M. and
snowed a little.

Ther. about -8° - -34° -
 -30° . Rose a little early
and let out Jupiter &
Billy. Walked down to
school with Thos.

Wrote our Cicero paper
which was rather hard.

Got out at recess.

When I got home
had some lunch

Spent the P. M. skating
on the Glacialis with
H. Deane, and Wilson
The ice black and smooth
but very thin.

Got back at 3.30 P. M.
In evening began to teach
Jupiter's fetching.

Saw a flock of about fifty
Snow Buntings & heard a
Robin.

Saw a Song Sparrow

Tuesday, February 18.

Clear and a pleasant day.
Ther. about 22° - 30° -

14° . Rose a little early
and exercised the two dogs.

Walked down to school
with Thos. Wrote our
Greek paper to day and
found it pretty hard.

Got 70 on my Virgil and
also on other Cicero paper.

Got out at recess. Saw
several Robins. When I
got home went to work
on our pond with Farrer
and Allen. Worked about
two hours before we
chased the ice of snow.

Skated thru all the P. M.
and made Washburn, &
the others that came late,
share the other pond.

The ice was very good.
Got the Spread Eagle to day.
Studied at R. in evening.

Wednesday, February 19.

Morning broke cloudy and snowing fast: about an inch fell when it cleared off. Ther. 14° . 40° . 34° .

Rose as usual and let out the two dogs.

Walked down to school with E. Dodge & Thos.

Recited Greek & Virgil and got dismissed at recess. On the way home saw a flock of about thirty Cackles "Birds". Bill

swept the pond and we skated there till 3 P.M. when the ice got too soft. Then

took a ride on Tiger through Waverly and Waltham and saw a Robin & a Golden Crested Wren. Studied Virgil

in the evening at the B.S. Jack will now fetch the wing of a bird without chewing it and jump with pith a Turkey wing.

Thursday, February 20.

Clear and warm. Snow settled a good deal so the streets were everywhere wet. The plighting which has been good for many weeks is beginning to give out.

Ther. about 20° - 40° - 36° .

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Got Jack to fetch a Robin for the first time, to day. Heard some Cedar Birds. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Wrote our Greek paper over to day and recited the other lessons as usual.

Got out an hour early.

In P.M. took a ride with father through Waltham and saw a Skunk and a Shrike. Fresh pond is still covered with ice. Had most of the evening and Mr. Horsford came in and looked at my birds. Blue Birds were seen to day in Watertown.

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Friday, February 21.

Heard a Grackle & H. Cuck. Morning broke cloudy but it soon cleared off and we had a delightfully warm and spring like day. Ther. about 20° - 50° - 32°. Won at 6 A.M.

and went through the Heron swamp taking Jack with me. Saw an unusual number of Crows. Found the recent track of a Quail but did not fire at anything. Heard some Snow Buntings.

Got back to breakfast. After breakfast took Billy up to the Feeding Ground. Shot a skink firing both barrels at him and also a Blue Jay, both of which Billy fished. The Blue Jays were out in force and in high good spirits. Heard one imitate a Cooper's hawk perfectly. Got back at 12 A.M. Then took a ride in the single plough with mother. Dan came out in P.M. and stayed over night.

Saw about fifty Robins.

1868

Saturday, February 22.

Clear but very windy. Ther. about 8° - 20° - 4°. Woke at 6 A.M. and intended to go shooting with D. French but it was so windy that we went to bed again. After breakfast we coasted a good deal in the pasture. Then a flock of about fifty Cedar birds lit in the yard and I got my gun and killed four at a shot. Billy brought them all, two males and the other two at once. Leander Brewster and his wife came down and spent the day with us.

Dan took the 12 A.M. train for Concord. Spent the P.M. in skating on a pond with Helen & Wholman. The ice was flowed by Friday's thaw and froze last night. Had most of evening.

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Sunday, February 23.

Clear and very windy most of the day. Wind went down at evening. Ther. about 6° below zero - 10° - 5° .
 Rose as usual and let out the dogs. attended sabbath school and church but was late to the latter. Had the first part of P. M. In the latter part took a walk with father carrying Jupiter and back with me. Saw about thirty Cedar Birds and two Robins. Heard a Creeper. Had none of evening.

1868

Monday, February 24.

A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 2° - 26° - 20° .
 Rose at 6 A. M. and went shooting. Took Jack with me and went up back of Mt. Auburn. Shot three Robins and a Blue Jay the latter flying. Missed a great many times as my gun was very dirty. Saw about eighty Robins and a flock of Cedar birds. Got back at 9.30 A. M. Skated till 2 P. M. on our pond and got the "double eagle" also the Michigan backwoods. In P. M. took a ride with father through Waverly and Lexington. In evening cleaned my double barrel and had a bad jolting of it as it was very dirty.

1868

Tuesday, February 25.

Clear and very pleasant.

Ther. about 14° — 30° — 18° . Rose as usual.

Thro. came down with his gun at 8.30 according to agreement. Then Bill took us up to Waltham and left us. We spent whole day shooting in Waltham. I shot eleven Cedar Birds and a Gray Squirrel. Jack started a Ruffed Grouse and I found a place where a Skunk had dragged a Quail out of the snow and fastid on it. Thro. shot 5 Cedar birds.

Got back at 5 P.M. Thro. took my gun. Saw many Blue Jays.

Shot all the Cedar Birds out of a flock of about fifty. Started the Gray Squirrel out of his nest with one barrel and killed him with the other.

Had most of evening

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Wednesday, February 26.

First part of A.M. clear. Rest of day cloudy.

Ther. about 8° — 36° —

26° . Rose as usual, had breakfast, and exercised the dogs. Then Farrah came up and went shooting with me. First I fired at a Blue Jay back of Mr. Ambrose. Then shot a Red Squirrel, then fired at a Gos Hawk, then shot a Blue Jay and then a Golden Winged Woodpecker. Got home at 2 P.M.

Had some lunch and then went up to see Dr. Deane who got back from New York late last night. Spent the P.M. up there and played a game of billiards at E. Dodge.

Spent most of the evening skating on their pond.

Thursday, February 27.

Cloudy all day. Snowed a good deal in A.M. and Evening and about an inch of moist snow fell.

Ther. about 16° - 36° - 30° . Frost as usual and covered the logs.

In A.M. plucked a number of birds and packed away the wings of birds shot last year.

Took rig at about 1:30 P.M. and rode up Concord Avenue to the Cross roads in Lexington and thence across to Waltham and home through Brighton. Saw a flock of about thirty Gold Finches feeding on the buds of a birch tree. Got back at 5 P.M. Spent most of the evening in packing. I am now training Japs to "who".

Saw two Old Larks.

Friday, February 28.

A.M. cloudy and snowed a good deal. P.M. clear and the snow melted considerable. Ther. about 22° - 40° - 32° . Frost as usual and had breakfast. About four inches of snow fell last night and as it was mighty damp and sticky to the smallest twig, the trees presented a beautiful appearance.

In A.M. took a ride in the single sleigh with mother through Waltham and Belmont taking Vigor. Saw a large flock of Tree Sparrows & a White Bellied Nuthatch. Got back at 11:30 A.M. Then cut the wires off many of my birds. In P.M. took a ride with father through Newton and Brighton. In the evening practiced Japs on the "Cotus".

Saturday, February 29.

Clear but very windy.
 Thur. about 14° - 20° -
 8° . Rose at 6 A. M.
 and went shooting. Went
 first up to the Heron
 Swamp and found the tracks
 of six Quails and a number
 of rabbits. Heard a Brown
 Creeper and a Snow
 Bunting and saw a Song Sparrow.
 Thence across to the Feeding Ground.
 Came across five male Purple
 Finches several of which sang
 splendidly. Saw a Robin and
 shot a Blue Jay. Heard a Blue Jay
 attempt to imitate a Purple Finch.
 Shot another Blue Jay on the
 way home. The snow drifted a
 good deal. Got back at 11 A. M.
 Went into Boston at 12 M. and got
 a Short Tailed Horned Lark & a Least Bittern
 from Jannels. Was showed for the
 first time. Met Mr. Paine. Went
 down to the market. They had 4
 Old Squawts. In P. M. coasted with
 R. D. Jones.

Sunday, March 1.

Clear but windy. Thur.
 about 5 below 0. - 20° -
 18° . Rose rather late
 and did not attend
 Sabbath school as usual.
 attended church.

Read the first part of
 P. M. In the latter part
 took a walk up to Mt.
 Auburn and J. Nichols
 joined us. We called
 in to see this stock and
 he came down to see
 my puppy. In the
 evening wrote a letter
 to Charlie Carter.
 Heard some Golden Crests

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Monday, March 2.

Cloudy all day.

Morning broke mowing
just about four inches
having fallen. Snowed
hard till about 4 P.M.

The wind blew almost
a hurricane and the
drifting snow filled the
air so that it seemed
almost as bad as the
storm that we had last
year. About fourteen inches
fell. Ther. about 20° -

10° - 6°. Rose a little
earlier than usual and
went down into our cellar
to see if I could not shoot
a rat but I was unsuccessful.
School began today and we
were dismissed at recess.

Kentshaw came up at about
3 P.M. and brought me up
a bottle of gun bronzing.

Spent the P.M. at E. Dodge's
playing Billiards.

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Tuesday, March 3.

Cloudy most of A.M.

P.M. clear. Ther. about
0° - 12° - 2 below.

Rose as usual and walked
down to school with E. Dodge.

When I got home from
school let out the two
dogs. Then had lunch
and afterwards went up
to the Russells' and studied.

Had to study about
two hours. Spent the

rest of the P.M. in reading.
Had most of the evening
and began to bronze my
musket. Pup. will "Yoko"
very well now.

The snow is now so deep
that it is impossible to
move about in the
fields at all.

The snow in the fields is now nearly two feet deep.

Wednesday, March 4.

Clear but rather cold.
 Ther. about 0° - 24° -
 18° . Frost as usual.
 Walked down to Mason
 St. with R. Deane; these
 took a pump which
 carried me down Cambridge
 St. as far as Fayatte St.

When I got home from
 school had lunch as
 usual. Then R. Deane
 called in. I went with
 him up to see E. Dodge
 and we spent the P. M.
 "footing" around the
 barn. In the evening
 studied at the T. as usual.
 The snow only melted
 to day in sheltered
 places.

Thursday, March 5.

Clear and a beautiful day.
 Ther. about 10° - 36° -
 12° . Frost as usual.
 Walked down to school
 with E. Dodge. Rode
 part of the way home
 on an ice pump. Had
 lunch as usual. Then
 took Nizer and rode first
 over Wellington Hill; then
 across to Waverly; saw several
 Golden Crests. Then ~~down~~
 to Waltham; then down
 through Watertown to
 Brighton; then across
 Brighton Bridge and
 home. The sleighing is
 still excellent and it was
 announced in today's paper
 that we have had 84 days
 of good sleighing this winter.
 Went up to R's in evening.
 The snow melted a good
 deal in the sun to day.

Friday, March 6:

Cloudy but very
warm. Ther. about
0° — 40° — 34°

Rose as usual.

Walked down to
school with J. Russell.

Bought an Arnolds
Greek prose in which
we are to have the first
lesson Monday.

Came home through
the Square. After
lunch read a while.
In P. M. took a ride
with father and
mother through Waltham.

R. Deane came down
after dinner. Studied
at the Russells' in
the evening.

Saturday, March 7.

Cloudy most of A. M.
P. M. clear. Very
warm. Ther. about
35° — 50° — 34°

Rose as usual.

Then took J. up. up
to the Deane's and spent
about an hour there
with J. Dodge. Then
went across Fresh pond
with R. Deane and saw
a man there who had
caught 27 pickers.
Went into the Heron
Swamp & tried J. up.
in the bushes. Came
home through the Fresh
Swamp. Spent the
P. M. at R. Deane's
& playing billiards with
Ed. Heard a Robin
& saw some Tree Sparrows
also five Snow Bunts

Sunday, March 8.

Clear and a springlike day. Ther. about 36° - 54° - 40° .

Pron as usual.

Father shaved me.

Walked down with R. Deane. Saw three Snow Birds, & 9 Cedar Birds. In P. M. took a walk around Mt. Auburn with R. Deane.

The snow has melted away wonderfully within the last three days and the warm weather has used up the sleighing completely. Wrote an account of my Red Wing with the orange mark, to the Laurelist.

Monday, March 9.

Clear and a pleasant day. The snow setts very much. The fields are about half bare.

Ther. about 31° - 54° - 32° . Pron at 6.40 A.M. & took a ride on Tiges around Fresh Pond. Saw two Song Sparrows and heard one sing, the first one of the season.

Got back to breakfast.

Walked down to school alone. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then R. Deane came down and we spent the P. M. in snowballing. Went up to the R. in evening and studied about two hours. The sleighing is all used up. The Cicero is very hard.

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Tuesday, March 10.

Cloudy all day but
did not rain.

Ther. about 36° —
 54° — 40° .

Done as usual and
let out the dogs.

Walked down to school
and got late.

After I got back from
school had lunch as
usual. Spent the first
part of P. M. about the
barn; then went up
to the Trs' & studied
before dinner. Studied
a little at home in
the evening. Heard a
Creeper, & a Golden Crest.
No signs of the Blue
Birds as yet. Began
to rain at 9.30 P. M.

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Wednesday, March 11.

Clear but rather windy
Thawed but little in the
shade. Ther. about 40° —
 36° — 24° . Altogether
a very good specimen of
a March day. Run about
half an hour early and
exercised the dogs. Caught
a rat which I let out
for Jack to kill. Several
Song Sparrows were singing
rather faintly in the R's
garden. Heard a Male Purple
Finch in the W's lot of pines,
sing most enchantingly.
On the way to school heard
a Song Sparrow sing out loud
& full for the first time this
year. Walked down with R.
Deane. Spent the P. M. at
H. Deane's loafing. He took
Mr. Dexter's revolver & fired about
twenty times. R. Deane saw
two Blue Birds (males) in
this yard. Went up to R's in
evening.

Thursday, March 12.

are almost entirely bare.

A.M. clear. P.M. cloudy.
Commenced to rain
in the evening.

Thur. about 18° - 42° -
 34° . Rose at 6.15

A.M. and took a ride
on Tiges. Went up through
Belmont & Waverly & down
by the Pond again. Saw
the then first Red Wings
as I went up. Saw a large
Gray Squirrel in Waverly.
The Song Sparrows were
singing in almost every
brush pile. When I came
down by the swamp a
number of Red Wings were
singing in different parts of
it. Got back to breakfast. Spent
most of the P.M. in fixing
up some of my boxes & in
training Jeph. making him
"seek" by means of pieces of meat.

Went up to the Pond in evening.

Friday, March 13.

Cloudy all day.

Rained all last night
and it carried the snow
nearly all off, in fact
little but ice now remains
and the sidewalks are
quite dry. Marbles are
out again among the
small fry. Thur. about
 42° - 54° - 40° .

Rose about an hour and
got my Tiges. Went to feed
the dogs as usual before breakfast.

Walked down to Kershaw's
house after school and we went
into see Mr. Tammels. I gave him
twelve Black Billed Cuckoos & a
Rose Breasted Grosbeak & got in
return, a Forster's Tern, a Yellow Headed
Blackbird, & a Wood Duck.

In P.M. took a ride through
Belmont on Tiges. Saw my
first Bluebird. About six

or seven Blue Birds were seen to day.

At about two thirds of the snow is gone in the fields & the roads

Saturday, March 14.

Saw a female Blue Bird.
 Clear and a most springlike
 day in fact the warmest that
 we have had. Ther. about
 35° - 60° - 40. Rose at
 5.15 A. M. and took Jap. out for
 the first time. First through
 the fields; heard the first-elled. Lark;
 then around the Snipe Swamp; saw
 the first Rusties, also many Red
 Wings; then around Beron Swamp;
 then along Snipe Brook; saw five
 Old Larks also a singular fight
 between two male Song Sparrows. Then
 over Mill Hill; shot a rabbit on the
 run; Jap. pointed it dead but would
 not fetch it; then shot two Cedar Birds
 Jap. fetched them both; then over
 towards Lex. heard a Pheasant sing.

Taught Jap. to "shocky" & made him range
 alone by occasionally using the chuck word.
 Saw about forty Blue Birds (one flock of six)
 & many crows flying North. Got back at
 P. M. In the P. M. took a ride with
 father through Arlington.

Studied in the evening.

Sunday, March 15.

Clear and a beautiful
 day. Ther. about 44° -
 64° - 50; Rose
 a little early and shaved
 myself for the first time.
 Studied sabbath school
 and church as usual.

Walked around the
 place in the first part
 of P. M. In the latter
 part of the afternoon took
 a walk up to Watertown
 with the two dogs.

The Robins are beginning
 to arrive & this morning & evening
 several were sitting in the tops
 of our Elm trees and calling to
 each other, but I have not heard
 them sing as yet. The Blue Birds
 are noisy & then paired.

The bulk of the Song Sparrows
 has come. Went up to J.
 Nichols to tea in the evening.

Monday, March 16.

Cloudy all day.
 Morning ~~broken~~ raining
 hard. Foggy all day.
 Rained most of the
 evening. Ther. about
 40° — 50° — 40°.
 Intended to run and
 take a horseback ride
 before breakfast but did
 not as it was raining
 hard. Exercised the dogs
 as usual. Walked down
 to school with Wholman.
 After lunch Hunchew
 called and went with me
 up to E. Dodge's where we
 played a game. Then took
 a horseback ride with
 R. Dean around the pond.
 The snow is entirely gone
 except a few remains of the
 drifts but the grass is only
 green in a few sheltered places.
 Studied in the evening
 at the Ps. as usual.

Tuesday, March 17.

Cloudy all day and
 very sultry for the
 season. Ther. 40° — 60° —
 42°. Rose as usual
 and exercised the dogs.
 Walked down to school
 with E. Dodge. When
 I got home had lunch
 as usual. Then took
 my gun and I up
 and went up into the
 fields. Shot a pair of
 Blue Birds and a male
 Robin for Mrs. Walker.
 Sup. Retrieved all the
 birds, but did it rather
 poorly, chewing them a
 good deal. Heard a Robin
 sing to day for the first
 time. Saw several large
 flocks of Snow Birds the
 males all singing. Studied
 from 4.30 P. M. to 5.30 P. M.
 at the Ps.
 Heard a Snow Bird sing.

Wednesday, March 18.

A. M. cloudy, P. M. clear but very windy. Ther. about 40° - 54° - 34°. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Walked down with R. Deane. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then took my gun and trap. First went through the Snipe Swamp. Heard the Green Frog for the first time, also the first Wh. Bel. Swallow. Saw very large flocks of Crows mingled with Hawks and even several black Eagles. The Pond is filled with floating cakes. Shot a Robin but Jap. chewed it all up. Made him fetch a Pigeon round around by wire. Got back at 5.30 P. M. Went up to Pt in evening. 86 Crow Blackbird was seen to day by Ruth. About two thirds of the Robins and nearly

Thursday, March 19.

Clear and a lovely day. Ther. about 34° - 50° - 32°. Rose at 6 A. M. Got Bill up and he saddled Tiger. As I went up by the Deane's Ruth popped his head out of the window, so I waited until he got up and had his horse saddled. We rode up to and over Will. Hill. Saw about 30 Crow Blackbirds & heard a Cow Bunting. Saw a Gull on "the pond". Got back to breakfast. After getting my lunch as usual R. Deane & I went shooting. Saw a Robin, and two Dickcissel back of the brick ice house. Went around the Snipe Swamp. Mr. Bruce says that he saw two Snipes about three days ago. About 1/2 of the pond is open. Studied at Pt in evening.

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Friday, March 20.

A. M. clear and pleasant.
P. M. cloudy with an
East Wind. Ther. about
32° — 38° — 28°.

Rose a little early exercising
the dogs and making Jap.
fetch a Potin several
times. He ~~will~~ will "Who"
perfectly now and will
fetch from the summer
house to the barn.

Walked down with R.
Deane. After lunch
took my fishing pole
and went up to the
pond back of the ice house
but although the fish
were jumping they would
not bite. Met R. Deane
there. Got back at 4 P. M.
made J up. fetch a good
deal when I had put away
my pole. Read in evening.
Father bought a book case for Mrs.

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Saturday, March 21.

There is more snow on the ground than there
has been at any one time before this winter.
A most singular day.

Ther. about - 30° - 34° - 28°.

Yesterday the snow had all gone
the grass quite green, the frost
all out of the ground except
in the swamps, & the roads &
sidewalks, dry. This morning
broke cloudy, blowing a perfect
gale and the air thick with
falling snow: about 8 inches had
fallen. Snowed hard all day
& at 10 P. M. the snow was still falling.

By night about eighteen inches
on the level had probably fallen
although it is hard to ascertain as it
drifted wonderfully. Rose at 5 A. M.
intending to go shooting for the day with
R. Deane but went back to bed again.

Spent all the A. M. playing billiards
with E. Dodge & R. Deane. Spent the P. M.
at R. Deane's in and out of their house.
Studied at R's in evening. Saw two pairs
of Blue Birds under the lee of some low
bushes, all numbers of Robins & Song

sparrows running over the surface

1868

Sunday, March 22.

The snow melted in sheltered places but drifted all day in the fields. Clear and a pleasant day but rather windy. Ther. about 28° - 32° - 30° . Rose a little late and shaved myself. Then had breakfast. Afterwards exercised the dogs and attended church. Sabbath school began today to commence at 2.30 P. M. After dinner further I took a ride up through Waverly & Belmont. Came back down Concord Av. when we got down to Fresh pond (it is entirely open now) found that no one had been through before us. Had to get out and after breaking down the fence, we came up through the fields. Snow on a hill with the tops of the fences. Saw in Waverly many Blue Birds eating Cedar berries, also Robins & Song Sparrows feeding in sheltered places. Saw about thirty Fox Col. Sparrows also

1868

Monday, March 23.

Heard a Fox Col. Sparrow sing A. M. cloudy. Cleared off at noon. P. M. clear and warm. Ther. about 28° - 44° - 34° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Walked down with E. Dodge. After school found Sam. waiting for me in front of the school house. He walked up with me and stayed at our house till 4 P. M. when he left to take the cars at Porter. I walked about half the way across with him. Coming up from school heard several Fox Colored Sparrows sing. Saw several Blue Birds and Robins in our yard & the Purple Finches are singing in spite of the deep snow, also Song Sparrows. Saw about 20 Grackles in Dr. Worcester. The snow melted a good deal this P. M. It is high all shush. R. Dams went to Woburn with E. Dodge to see a double nosed Pouter.

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Tuesday, March 24,

The Pur. Finches sing morning & evening
Clear and pleasant.

Thur. about 20° —

40° — 30°. Ron

at 7 A. M. and exercised
the dog, making him
fetch from Mr. Choate's
fence to our back door.

Heard some Song Sparrows
& Purple Finches. Walked
down with R. Deam.

On the way down heard
two large flocks of Fox colored
Sparrows singing magnif-
icently, also large flocks of
Snow Birds. Heard one
Fox Col. Sparrow that sang
remarkably well. Got late in
consequence of listening to them.

In P. M. took a ride through
Waverly taking Jap. with me.
The ground is beginning to
show again in patches. The Blue
Birds & Robins are very scarce.
I make Jap. earn his whole
supper piece by piece by fetching.

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Wednesday, March 25.

Clear and pleasant. Thur. about
22° — 44° — 30°. Rose
at 6.30 A. M. Took the dogs to
walk & as I went by the Deams
Puth joined me. Billy
began to fight with Prince
but I separated them. We
walked down to the pond & back
again. Heard lots of Fox Col.
Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, &
Snow Birds, singing. Also
Red Wings. Made Jap. fetch by
going back after a glove. Got back
to breakfast. After lunch took
Jap. and went up round the Koon
Swamp. Shot two picked one of
which Jap. fetched but the other
ran. Saw two musk rats.
Saw a pair of singular looking
Hawks and fired at one.
Saw a W. Wing Woodpecker and
heard a C. raper. Went up to P.
in evening. Jap. seldom drops
anything now that he is
fetching. Snow melted a good

1868

Thursday, March 26.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 28° — 40° — 30° . Rose at 7 A. M. and spent about an hour making pup. fetch over the crust.

Walked down with R. Deane. When I got back from school had lunch as usual, then took pack & went up through the swamps. Fired at two picked in the duck pond but missed both: then around Block Island shot a Red Wing & saw one off the ~~harbour~~ seen yesterday. Heard a fox ~~color~~ sing splendidly. Fired at a Musk Rat. Came down by Fresh pond & shot a Musk Rat at the mouth of the wire Brook. Jack went in but I had to pull him out over the ice. Saw three Tree Sparrows, a white Marsh Hawk & shot a Blue Bird.

fetch the birds.

commenced to copy into my new log. pup. fetches almost

1868

Friday, March 27.

unvariably without dropping.

Clear and a pleasant day, in fact the warmest that we have had for some time. Ther. about 30° — 44° — 45° . Rose at 7 A. M. & exercised the dogs. Studied about 30 minutes. Walked down with Farra. Came home through the Square & bought some peanuts. After lunch took a ride on Tiger up Concord Av. & around by Spy Pond. Saw quantities of Red Wings. Got back at 5 P. M. & R. Deane came down. Just at sunset saw two Black Ducks fly over towards 'the pond'. At dusk the Robins were singing everywhere & I think numbers of the arrived today. Purple Finches have commenced to sing while floating in the air. About $\frac{1}{2}$ the ground bare & the grass is getting green. This evening,

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Saturday, March 28.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 30° — 46° — 30° . Rose at 5 A. M. and took Billy with me. First around the Prairie Swamp: saw about 6 Rusties & many Red Wings: then up through Belmont, heard many Gl. Wings, singing & also two male Phoebs. Then through the swamp back of Chumers, heard several Fox Colors singing also many Snow Birds & Tree Sparrows; then to the Cross Roads, Billy pointed a Woodcock twice & I fired three shots & him knocking out many feathers. Then shot a Pur. Grackle which Billy "fetched." Saw a Goldfinch & when I left the house the Robins were singing on all sides. Got back at 12.30 P. M. In P. M. took a ride down to the Bridge with father.

1868

Sunday, March 29.

Clear but with a cutting East wind. Ther. about 30° — 42° — 32° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Billy broke through the hot bed sash. Did not go to church as I have a bad bile on my cheek which has swelled up the whole side of my face. Heard a male Goldfinch sing. In P. M. took a ride up through Lexington and saw Dr. Mason & his dogs. About two thirds of the ground is bare in the fields but the roads are perfectly dry & dusty. Here but back in the country they are quite muddy.

Monday, March 30.

Clear and pleasant day. Ther 27° 30° 40° 30°
 Rose at the usual time and fed the dogs, came from school and had lunch as usual after which went up to E Dodge's and played balliards all the afternoon.

R Deane was there, about half of the time.

In the evening studied with the Russells. The snow has nearly gone.

The frost is nearly all out of the ground.

Tuesday, March 31.

Another beautiful day Ther 28° 50° 35°
 Arose at the usual time (7 AM) exercised the dogs, walked to school with the Russells. After lunch walked around the grounds with R Deane, went to the Russells at 4 P.M. to study, for two or three days, my eyes have troubled me very much, so that I could hardly study.

I now train Jupiter three times a day, the Robins have all come but the Blue birds have greatly ~~diminished~~ diminished during the last snow storm.

Wednesday, April 1.

Clear + warmest
day of the season

Ther 30 - 68 - 50 -

Ran out about 8 o'clock
felt very dizzy + sick so that
I did not go to school. Given
a trip for about half an hour
the took a ride with my
mother + two Boston Broom
- line - They let out 50
pairs of English Sparrows
Boston Common to day
staid in the house
in the afternoon + evening
felt very sick in the
evening + Ruth + Sam
called - Leander took
dinner with us at 5 o'clock
P.M. father fed my
dogs in the evening -

Thursday, April 2.

— Fast Day —

A.M. Clear + Warm P.M. Clear
+ rained most of the time
Ther 50 - 68 - 40
Saw a number of white
bellied Swallows about my
box for the first time this
season - after breakfast went
up to see Robear but he
had gone away to the
dog - (English Pointer) then
took a ride with the old one
two newly + Lexington
I saw Peter Mason this
day, got home to dinner
at 2 P.M. to dine on
roast Turkey + lettuce +
had the latter for the first
time this year. My health
is much improved to day
had a thunder shower in
P.M. - Ruth + Mr. Webster
came to show us the Pointer
+ Ruth staid most of the P.M.

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Friday, April 3.

Saw the first Grass Finch.
Clear but rather Cool

The 31 - 48 - 34 -

Rose as usual breakfast
7.30 R. & Sam came down
& we went to Belmont
in the Rockaway & put
the horse in Mr Chesney
shed. On the way up
looked for Snipe but found
none. Shot a Robin in
hasty which Billy retrieved.
Billy pointed a flock
of Snipe about 5 in number
R. & I fired but missed them.

Saw the first grass
Finch - Billy chased a rabbit
Shot another Robin and
a Blackbird. Spent the P. M.
in training Jupiter -
Went over in the evening to
see Mr Barry with William
took both of my dogs.

The Grass looks quite green
The snow has mostly
disappeared

at noon

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Saturday, April 4.

Clear most of A. M. P. M.
cloudy. Ther. about 30° -
36° - 28° Rose at
5 A. M. Took breakfast before
I started of milk & cold corned
beef. Heard several Swamp
Sparrows in going around
the Snipe Swamp. Then
into the Heron Swamp. Billy
started a Rabbit without
pointing. Saw the first night
Heron. Then up towards
Belmont. Started two Green
wing. Took from Musk Rat brook
& fired both barrels at them
wounding one. Then Billy
pointed a Snipe & I fired at it.
Shot a Md. Lark flying & Billy
found it. Coming home saw
five Tit Larks. In P. M.
rode up to North Avenue
& father bought me an gun
buggy for shooting.

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Sunday, April 5.

Morning broke, snowing fast about two inches having fallen. Occasionally snowed in squalls through the forenoon. Ther. about 34° — 28° — 20° . The sun came out in the middle of the day & thawed the snow all off in the roads & open fields.

Exercised the dogs as usual. In A.M. attended church. In P.M. took a walk up to Fresh pond with father. We took Jap. & back.

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Monday, April 6.

Clear but very windy and raw. Ther. about 20° — 36° — 30° .

All the snow that fell yesterday went away to day. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. All the Swallows that were around Saturday have disappeared. School began at 8 A.M. to day. After lunch R. Deane rode down on horseback & I went off with him. First we rode into the pine woods. Saw about thirty Rusties, & about fifteen Night Herons one of which flew directly over us. There are a few Snow Birds around still. Got off my horse to beat off a dog from Jap. & Virginia ran off. Rath. chased the horse & caught him for me.

Tuesday, April 7.

Cloudy all day. Morning broke snowing fast; only about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch having fallen. Snowed fast till about 2 P.M. when it turned into rain & poured till 9 P.M. At 2 P.M. there was about six inches of damp snow on the ground. Ther. about 32° — 34° — 34° . Rose as usual & let out the dogs. Took part of the way home from school as the snow was over my shoes. In P.M. made three bird boxes. The Blue Birds, Robins, Grackles, & Song Sparrows are in great distress running every where over the surface of the snow in search of food. Went up to K's in evening as usual. Pup. seldom or never drops a glove in fetching.

Wednesday, April 8.

Clear but very windy. Had a snow squall late in P.M. Ther. about 36° — 40° — 26° . Rose as usual & exercised the dogs. After lunch took my gun & Jack & went up to the Heron Swamp. Saw a Snipe going down the lane & met Ther. Then looked at a fine old Marsh Hawk through my telescope. Then into the swamp. Took down a sitting Night Heron with each barrel but they both got off. Then fired again at one flying. Chased them over to Black Island. Shot a Rusty Bl. Saw many Fox Colors, Snow Birds, & Tree Sparrows. Cleaned the musket & double barrel in the evening. Saw two Swallows around my boxes this morning.

Thursday, April 9.

Clear but cold for the season. Thur. about 20° - 34° - 24°. Rose as usual & exercised the dogs. When I got back from school had lunch as usual. Then caught a Pigeon & went up to R. Dean's. He also caught one & we let them out in the fields. It took three barrels apiece to kill them all flying.

Then into the Heron Swamp saw several Night & then Gt. Blue Herons. Then round to Block Is. shot a Rusty Blackbird. Then wounded a Gt. Bl. Heron & a Night Heron badly both flying. Saw a Kingfisher. Coming home shot a Robin flying. Took Billy with me. About 1/2 the ground is covered with snow and

Flash to ^{Friday, April 10.} ~~country~~ ^{also some} shot in. Father bought me a small powder

Cloudy all day.

Thur. About 20° - 34° - 32° -

Commenced to snow at 9 A. M.

Snowed all day without ceasing for a moment.

By 9 P. M. about eight inches had fallen. Snow very light but did not drift at all. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Got dismissed at 11 A. M. & on the way home bought six feet of white wood. After lunch

Sam came out and stayed over night. We loafed around all the P. M. In the evening played a couple of games at E. Dodge's table. Several Robins have been sitting all the P. M. huddled up in our Lilac bushes.

Plenty of Blue Birds around. Saw a G. Crest. When

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Saturday, April 11.

Blue Birds still here.
 Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 30° - 50° -
 36° . When I went
 out with Dan after
 breakfast there was
 about 2 inches of snow
 on the ground but
 about $3/4$ of it was
 gone by evening. Rose
 as usual. Dan went in
 to his school at about
 9 A.M. I took my
 musket and went shooting.
 First down the lane, fired
 at a Sharp Sh. Hawk, saw
 Fr. C. Spr. Snow Birds, W. B. Swallow
 & on Snipe. Then through the
 Teal Swamp & into Tim Swamp with
 Ripon. In latter place fired at
 Heron. Then fired at Snipe. Then
 Billy started 2 Woodcock. Shot 1st
 flying, 2nd on snow among
 Apple trees. Then Billy started 2
 more & I knocked them over
 on the wing. Did not miss once.

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Sunday, April 12.

Most of A. M. clear & warm
 with a southerly wind.

P. M. cloudy & cold.

Ther. about 40° - 34° - 28° .

Rose & shaved as usual
 as on Sunday morning.

After breakfast exercised
 the dogs. Attended church

in A. M. & Sabbath school

in P. M. Then took a walk

up to Mt. Auburn with

father, taking both dogs.

J. Nichols overtook us.

Coming into the yard Billy

found a piece of bread that

smelt of cheese and eat

part of it. We doted him

with both sweet & castor

oil. Went up to the Nichols

to tea in the evening.

Heard a Gr. Crested Wren

but they are getting rather

scarce.

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Monday, April 13.

on the pond

Clear but very windy.

Thur. about 18° - 34° - 28° . April
has been so far very
cold & disagreeable.Ran as usual & exercised
the dogs. Walked down
to school with Thos.After lunch went up
to the Pond & studied my
Greek. Then Thos. & I
with John Fookie went
up to the pond and got
an old boat of Bruce which
Thos. & I are going to fix
up. In the eveningstuffed my third Woodcock
(male) Length from tip of
bill to end of tail $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
From tip of bill to end of middle
claw $12\frac{1}{2}$. From tip to tip
18 inches. Saw two White
Bellies in our yard.

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Tuesday, April 14.

Clear and warm with
a South wind. Thur.
about 28° - 50° - 40° . Ran as usual
and exercised the dogs.
There were numbers of
Swallows around my
boxes this morning.Studied as soon as I
got back from school.
Then took the musket & gun
& went up to the Heron
Swamp. On the way up
through the fields fired twice
at a Snipe. He started twice
down wind. Shot a Robin
which pup. retrieved very creditably.
In the Her. Swamp fired three
times at Herons (one sitting shot).
Saw a Fish Hawk in full plumage
on the pond. Thought I saw three
ducks light on the pond & went
nearly around it but they were gone.
Got back at 7 P.M.Stuffed the 4th Woodcock (pup) in evening

The Heron shot a Wood Duck & saw a Fish Hawk also Swallows

Wednesday, April 15.

R. Deane shot a Sp. Hawk & Clear most of A. M. Most of P. M. cloudy but did not rain. Ther. about 36° - 70° 5° - 5°. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Also fed Billy. Walked down to school with E. Dodge. Thos & the rest & we all got late. Coming home bought a pound of wrought & a pound of finishing nails. After lunch R. Deane called. Then I went up to the Ps' & spent the P. M. with Thos. talking over boat & putting in the seats. Went up to the Ps' in evening. We only study our Greek out of school now. The toads began to sing to night. Only a small patch of snow & ice remains behind our wood shed.

Cow Buntlings are quite numerous.

Thursday, April 16.

Cloudy and very warm. Began to rain at 9 A. M. & rained most of P. M. Ther. about 50° - 70° - 60. Rose as usual and exercised the dogs giving Billy a few dry pieces of bread. Coming home from school Thos & I tried to get some tar for our boat but could not. Spent first part of P. M. in making stands for ground birds & made about twenty. Then went up to see R. Deane who was stuffing the Hawk shot yesterday.

On the way up heard a frog that we hear in the night in summer & found two floating in Carter's pond. They were reddish green above, red beneath, & sang or puffing out their throats. Their eyes were large & prominent & of a yellowish color. Studied at Ps' in evening.

Friday, April 17.

Saw the first Chipping.
 Cloudy nearly all
 day. Ther. about
 60° — 72° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
 exercised the dogs.

Did not visit History
 to day & got dismissed
 shortly after recess.

Coming up from school
 took Mr. Ferguson's gun
 which I think of buying.
 Tried to get Butte but he
 could not go. Saw several
 Savanna Sparrows on lane & heard
 a male sing; then Billy started
 a Snipe, then fired twice at a King-
 fisher, (first shot a Red. Wing flying)
 then saw a Swamp Sparrow,
 then 4 or 5 Yellow Rumps, then
 fired at Mr. Heron, then shot 4
 Snipe flying & missed one, the two
 Robins. Saw a Sn. sitting on a hump
 perfectly motionless & making a ringing
 noise. Saw about 15 C. Geese.
 Mosquitoes have begun to bite.

Saturday, April 18.

Clear and a beautiful
 day. Very windy in P. M.
 Ther. about 38° — 45° —
 34°. Rose at 4 A. M. &
 took Jack & the musket.
 First up to the Heron Swamp; fired
 at a Muskrat; swamps full of Swamp
 Sparrows singing: Fired at a Heron
 sitting & knocked out many feathers.
 Then a male Wood Duck lit below
 the Apple cellar; fired at & wounded him
 after firing at him several times
 on the pond at last finished
 him flying. Coming home shot a
 Vir. Rail on the lane. Saw G. R. D. Coll
 Warblers & Yellow Rumps & heard both
 sing. Also a Field Sparrow. Saw
 20 Gulls on the pond. At 9 A. M.
 went up to Belmont with R. Dean
 taking Billy & Jojo in the shooting
 wagon. Shot a Robin, 2 White
 Billies, & a Woodcock all flying.
 Stuffed the Rail in evening.
 Saw a Song Sp. with a straw.

Sunday, April 19.

Clear and a pleasant day. Ther. about 50° - 64° - 48° . Rose as usual, shaved, and exercised the dogs. Attended church in A. M. For P. M. took a ride with father to Woburn & saw Mr. Cummings' colts.

R. Deane saw two Barn Swallows today. Saw a Robin building in our yard. The grass is everywhere green & the Elm trees & Maples are covered with blossoms.

The Lilac buds are bursting open.

The frost is entirely out of the ground.

Wrote in my bird record most of the evening.

Monday, April 20.

Cloudy all day. Ther. about 48° - 44° - 40° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school with J. Russell and got late. Came home through the Square and bought six yards of large wire & five pounds of tow. After lunch Wensham came up.

In P. M. stuffed the Wood Duck and while skinning at R. Deane came down and stayed until I had finished: his vacation of a week commences today. Father bought me a bag of powder. Went up to R's in evening as usual. St. Cont. of Wood Duck pure white back said and some kind of an osprey or hazel nut.

Tuesday, April 21.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. clear. Ther. about 40° - 70° - 50°. Rose as usual and fed and exercised the dogs. Walked down to school with J. Russell. Came home by the usual route and picked up a bird box as soon as I had had lunch.

In P. M. skinned four Snipe & a Woodcock which I am going to hang up in my room as a bunch of game. H. Henshaw spent the P. M. with me & R. Deane came down. Charles Deane got home from the South this A. M.

In the evening Mr. Deftis called. The grass is everywhere of a bright green color & the ~~stems~~ buds are fast expanding into leaves.

Wednesday, April 22.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 40° - 70° - 45°. Rose as usual. Tried to get some tar on the way from school but could not. After lunch H. Henshaw came up. I took Mr. Farnum's gun. Shot a Robin on the Lane. Then shot a Kingfisher in the Heron Swamp & Billy brought it out of the pond. Then Billy pointed a Snipe at a very long distance & I fired three & Henshaw one shot at him. I killed him at the fourth. Then Billy pointed another Snipe which Henshaw missed. Then I heard a Barn Swallow. Then H. shot a Robin & I saw Dan in the cars.

Studied at R's in the evening & heard a Quail sing (Bob White).

R. Deane shot a Purty probably this last

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Saturday, April 25.

and a Barn Swallow (male)
 and a pair of House Wrens
 Then 34 40 36

Cloudy all day began
 to rain at about 7 AM
 but it soon changed into
 snow. Snowed till 2 PM
 about an inch and half
 fallen. Rose at 3:15 AM
 went first up by the pond heard
 Red singing in ~~Slope~~ Swamp, then
 up to Pine Swamp heard a pair
 of "bob white" and started a Wood
 Duck then up to Belmont by the
 road and down by the meadow
 shot a Swamp Sparrow and a
 Red wing, heard a Red C. Wren
 a Yr^h ~~shot~~ Sparrow & saw two Blue
 Swallows. Saw a Kingfisher plunge
 into his hole. Staid in the old
 boat house over an hour to escape
 the snow. ~~The~~ pond was covered
 with Swallows and the shore with
 Y. R. & Y. B. Wobblers. Shot 4 Robins
 2 Crow Black birds a Barn & Y. H. B.
 A wallow. got home drunk to
 the skin. P. M. stuffed a Swamp
 Sparrow (male), a Rusty (female)

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Sunday, April 26.

A M Cloudy, P M
 Clear. Then about
 38 56 40 - Rose
 as usual, and exercised
 the dog. Billy was
 sick this morning and
 I gave him three raw
 eggs. Attended church
 in A M as usual in
 P M took a walk with
 R Deane up to fresh
 pond and saw the Wood
 ducks. Saw a number of
 Swallows on the pond,
 saw several yellow lumps
 and yellow red poll
 warblers went to bed
 about 9 o'clock wrote
 to Chas. Carter in
 the afternoon.

Mother wrote this
 because I had weak eyes

Monday, April 27.

Cloudy all day. Began to rain at 8 P. M. & rained hard the rest of the day. Ther. about 132° - 40° - 36°. Rose as usual & exercised the dogs. Studied at Thos's as soon as I got back from school. After lunch went shooting with R. Deane. First around by 'the pond', Ruth shot a male Kingfisher which Billy brought out of the water. Then into swamp back of Black's and Billy started seven Quail without pointing them. Then found Crow's nest with three fresh eggs. Then shot male G. C. ~~Wren~~. Then shot a female Wood Duck & Ruth wounded the male. Coming down by the swamp saw a Lark flying.

Tuesday, April 28.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 38° - 56° - 40°.

Rose as usual. Walked down to school with J. Russell. When I got back from school had lunch. Then went up to the Russell's and studied my Greek. Then took the shooting wagon and went up to a Crow's nest in Waverly.

R. Deane shot one of the old birds on the wing. Then I climbed the tree & brought down the eggs there in number. Ruth. could not find his Crow. Coming home got very near a Sharp Shin Hawk. Got back at 5:30 P. M. In evening stuffed the Wood Duck.

1868

Wednesday, April 29.

Cloudy all day but did not rain.

Thur. about 38° - 56° - 38° . Rose a little early, shaved, & exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school alone & got late. Watched a Muskrat in Dr. Worcester's pond for some time. After lunch studied at the Ps'. In P. M. took Billy & Jap. out together for the first time.

Shot three Muskrats in the Quail Swamp two of which Billy & the third Jap retrieved. Then into Snipe swamp. Heard a Virginia Rail making singular sound & shot him; afterwards another both of which Billy retrieved. Met Holdritch & another student.

1868

Thursday, April 30.

Clear and very warm. Thur. about 48° - 70° - 60° . After lunch went up to R. Deane's & we started at 3 P. M. with Billy. Shot eight Snipe in the Belmont meadows three of which R. Deane fired at, at the same time with me & I let him have them. Saw a Bank Swallow & an Upland Plover. Missed about six times. Suppered a good deal from the heat although I wore no vest. Got back at 7:45 P. M. and had to study all the rest of the evening.

Blue Bird had one egg today & W. Bl. Swallows building.

1868

Friday, May 1.

Alternately cloudy and clear. Ther. about 44° — 40° — 38° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Got out of school as usual at 12 M. After lunch Bill took me up to the Belmont meadows. I started a Snipe & fired at him twice. Then crawled on hands & knees up to an Field Plover & shot him with No. 2 at a long range. Then shot a muskrat which Billy fetched out. Then saw a Blk. & White Creeper & a Sp. Sandp. Got back at 5.30 P. M. Shot a male Kingfisher. R. Deane saw a Least Pewee. In evening stuffed the Plover. Saw a Snow Bird & a Rusty.

1868

Saturday, May 2.

Cloudy all day. Began to rain at 7 A. M. & rained hard all day. Cleared up at sunset. Ther. about 42° — 50° — Rose at 4 A. M. Went into the Snipe Swamp with Jack. Shot three Virginia Rails, one flying. Saw a Bobolink in the Swamp & heard a Bl. Warbler. Shot also as far as I could tell a Snipe. Heard several strange birds in the swamp. Saw both Yl. Red Pl. & Yl. Cr. Warblers. Got back at 4 A. M. & found R. Deane here. Spent most of A. M. in stuffing the Kingfisher & Rails. In P. M. made fifteen stunts. After supper took a ride up by the pond & met R. Deane who had shot a male Wood Duck. Saw two muskrat rats.

Sunday, May 3.

Clear and pleasant.
Thur. about 50°—
60°—50°.
Rose as usual.
attended church
in A. M. In P. M.
took a walk with
R. Deane and saw
three Yellow Legs
at the foot of the
lane. J. Nichols
came to tea in the
evening. Saw Y. Pumps.
& Yk. Rd. P.M. Warblers.
The Horse Chestnut
buds have all burst
open & the leaves are
getting green. The
grass is getting quite
tall.

Monday, May 4.

Clear in A. M. P. M.
cloudy. Thur. about 50°—
70°—50°. Rose at
4 A. M. & went shooting
into the Trife Swamp.
Shot a Virginia Rail
sitting which Jack retrieved.
At the shot a Gadwall Duck
rose from the swamp & shortly
afterward a male Bl. Wing Teal
flew over. Heard a White Ey.
Vireo, a Cat Bird & a Maryland
Yellow Throat. Saw a Chimney
Swallow & a Purple Martin.
Got back at 7 A. M. & went
to school as usual. In
P. M. father took me up to the
Belmont Meadows in the buggy.
Just as he was taking me in
Billy pointed a snipe which I shot.
I shot two more in the fields on
the lane but saw none in
the Belmont meadows. Fired only
three.

Tuesday, May 5.

Clear and a pleasant day.
 We had no school to day,
 as it was Coll. exhibition.
 Ther. about 50° — 70° — 60°.
 Rose at 4 A. M. and went
 shooting into the Snipe
 Swamp. Shot two Vir.
 Rails (one flying and
 a female Sora. Met
 Rodgers in the swamp
 & hunted with him
 for some time. He
 shot a Vir. Rail.

Billy pointed two
 tracks. Got back at 4 A. M.
 Then up to Waverly in shooting
 wagon with Henshaw. Saw during
 the day Towhees, Br. Thrushes,
 Ch. Sid. Warb, Ash. War.
 Blk. Th. Green War. Water
 Thrush & House Wren.

In evening stuffed a ring.
 Swamp Sp. shot this A. M.
 & the Rail

Wednesday, May 6.

Clear and a pleasant
 day. Ther. about 50° —
 60° — 45°. Rose as
 usual and exercised my
 dogs. After lunch studied
 at the R's as usual.
 Then at 3 P. M. took
 Billy and went shooting
 with R. Deane. First half
 around 'the pond' Fired
 at a Kingfisher. Then
 fired at a Cliff Swallow.
 Then shot a Chipping
 Sparrow with one white
 tail feather. Then R. Deane
 shot a Chimney & Barn
 Swallow. Came home
 around 'the pond'.
 R. Deane shot a male
 Blue Yellow Backed Warbler.
 In evening fished the
 Rail stuffed last night &
 stuffed the Chipping.

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Thursday, May 7.

Cloudy. Rained most of P. M. Ther. about 50° — 65° — 50°.

Rose as usual.

After lunch in P. M. studied about two hours with Thos.

Then rode down with him and got some tar & tin for our boat. After dinner went up to the pond. Went through the Pine Swamp & saw two Night Herons. Shot a male Carolina Rail flushing him soon after he stopped singing. At least a dozen male Larks were singing in the Snipe Swamp.

1868

Friday, May 8.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 34° — 40° — 36°.

Had quite a snow storm this morning. Rose as usual and exercised my dogs. After lunch went up to Waverly in the shooting wagon with R. Deane. Went up through the Willows. Shot a Rabbt from the wagon and a Robin. Ruth shot a Cat Bird & a Blk & Wh. Creeper. Then fired several times at Cliff Swallows & saw a Snipe. A man accused us of shooting his ducks. Then around into Waltham & shot a male Towhee & a female Warbler unknown to me. Got home at 4 P. M. In evening shuffled the oven rail shot last night.

1868

Saturday, May 9.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 50° - 66° - 50° .
 Rose at 3.30 A. M. & R. Deane
 joined me. We intended to
 dig out a Kingfisher's nest but
 could not find the hole. Shot
 two Great-Barns but spoilt one.
 Took Jack. At Belmont crossing
 had a Wh. Thrt. Vireo, in heavily
 woods on the Eastern side fired
 at Br. Thrush, shot female Bl. & Wh.
 Creeper, female Towhee, Rabbit,
Solitary Vireo, (heard Gl. Cr. Thrush
 & fired at one), Gray Squirrel,
Wood Thrush (male), Robin,
Rose Br. Grosbeak (young male).
 Then started home across the fields
 shot a female Albino Robin, &
 three Rusties at a shot. Charlie Deane
 carried at home. In P. M. stuffed the
 al. Robin, unknown Warbler, Sol.
Vireo, & Bl. & W. Creeper. In evening
 the fe. Br. Robin. R. Deane shot B. Rusty
 Towhee, Bl. & Wh. Creeper, Gl. Cr. Thrush
Sol. Vireo, &

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Sunday, May 10.

A. M. warmer & pleasant
 P. M. cloudy with East
 wind. Ther. about 50° -
 65° - 50° . Rose as usual
 & shared, attended church
 in A. M. In P. M.
 took a ride with father
 & just before we started
 Bob Smith called to see
 my dogs & was very much
 pleased by Prof. For our
 ride saw a King Bird.
 Went over to Fourth Reading
 & coming home saw a
 yellow & white Point.

Wrote most of evening.
 On the way to church
 heard a Warbling Vireo, many
 of the birds are opening into
 leaf but the season has been very
 backward. Had asparagus
 to day for the first time.
 The grass is several inches
 high.

Monday, May 11.

Clear but with a ~~rather~~ ^{fairly} strong wind. Ther. about 42° - 55° - 35°. Rose at usual and exercised the dogs. Walked down to school with Thos.

After lunch Dan came out & took dinner with us. Began having dinner at 3 P. M. to day.

After dinner Dan & I took Tiger in the open buggy & taking B. Deane in rode up to Waltham where Dan took the cars. Then rode back with Ruth. As soon as we got back father cut the end of Japs' tail off, spoiling his good looks. It bled all the evening. Went to bed at 9.30 P. M.

Tuesday, May 12.

Clear and a lovely day. Ther. about 45° - 68° - 42°. Rose at 5.30 A. M. & went up to the 1st & studied my Greek with Thos. After I got back from school put up a bird box & a powder keg.

Then took my blow gun and shot a male House Wren. In P. M. stuffed the Least Pewee & Rose Breasted Grosbeak and in the evening the House Wren.

In the latter part of P. M. B. Deane came down. He saw a Bat. I rode to day. The Lilac bushes are covered with leaves & I saw the first Cherry blossoms to day. Stuffed during the afternoon with the window open.

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Wednesday, May 13.

Cloudy all day.
 Began to rain at 3 P. M.
 and rained the rest
 of the day and
 evening. Ther. about
 45° — 50° — 50°
 Rose at 5.30 A. M.
 and studied my
 Greek with Theo.

Read for about an
 hour after getting back
 from school. In P. M.
 practiced with my
 blow gun and fixed
 some of my birds.

In the evening stuffed
 the male Wood Thrush
 shot Saturday.

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Thursday, May 14.

cf. M. cloudy. P. M.
 clear - Ther. about 45° —
 70° — 60°. Rose as
 usual and exercised
 the dog. Attended school
 as usual. After lunch
 took Tiger and had a
 horseback ride through
 Belmont, Waverly,
 Lexington, & Waltham.
 Saw numbers of Red. Orioles
 & watched a Prairie Warbler
 for some time. Heard
 a Bittern in the Long
 willows. Dug open
 a fresh Downy Woodpecker's
 hole but it contained
 nothing. Saw a Woodchuck.
 Got back at 6.30 P. M.
 Then Farrar came in
 and spent about an hour
 with me. Put up a
 bird box.

1868

Friday, May 15.

Cloudy all day. Did not rain much in A.M. but poured all the afternoon. Had a return of the weak side that I had last spring & was obliged to ride down to school.

Rode home also. Saw several Hum. Birds and watched a male chasing a Chipping Sparrow. In P.M. rode down to the Port and bought twelve ~~box~~ boxes six of which I brought home in my buggy. Then went to the Gas House and got a kettle of tar. Saw a boat there & wish to think of trapping. Jack began to be sick to day.

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Saturday, May 16.

Cloudy, Rained several times. Ther. about 50° - 65° - 51°. Rose at 5.30 A.M. R. Deane waking me by throwing pebbles against my window. Immediately rose and took traps in the shooting wagon. Rode first up into Waltham where Ruth shot a Rabbit. Then further on; we both shot two male Prairie Warblers. I shot a male Pine & creeping Warbler, & R. a female Towhee in the act of building & a Marsh Wren. Then into Lexington; I shot a Rosebreasted Yellow Throat (male) Red Eyed Vireo (spoilt him), two male Gl. Br. Thrushes (spoilt one). R. shot a male R. Br. Grosbeak. Then down through Belmont shot a male Bittern in the "Willows". Watched him jumping for some time before I fired. 12th. In P.M. evening stuffed the two Prairie Warblers, the Rosebreasted Yellow Throat & the Pine & creeping Warbler.

Sunday, May 17.

A.M. clear. P.M.
cloudy with East wind.
Ther. about 60° - 75° -
 50° . Rose as usual
and exercised the
dogs. Attended
church as usual.
In P.M. rode up
to Concord with
father & saw the
Grunches. On the
way up saw a
female Red Start.
Jack was very sick
to day and drank
a great deal of water.

Monday, May 18.

the Bittern this evening.

Cloudy and rained
most of the day.

Ther. about 50° - 60° -
 50° . Rose as usual
& let out my dogs.
Rode down to school
as my side is rather
weak. Studied as soon
as I got home from
school & Jim Crowell
studied with us.

In P.M. stuffed the
male Bittern as far
as putting in the eyes.
Then went down to the
Gas House with R. Deane
& bought a boat for
\$10.00. The pear trees are in
full blossom also the plum &
peach trees. The apple trees are
covered with leaves & it is
impossible to see through the
hedge chestnut & lilac trees
so thick are the leaves. Jack
is about the same. Finished

Tuesday, May 19.

Poor Jack is very weak.
 Cloudy but did not
 rain. Ther. about
 55° — 65° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
 exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school
 with Thos. & Ed.

Studied immediately after
 lunch which I had
 at 2 P. M. Then took
 my wagon & with E.
 Lodge & R. Deane, rode
 up to Belmont. On the
 way up called in to see
 Bruce & arranged about
 mending our boat there.
 Then went into Mr. Ch.
 Deane & saw his African
 sheep. Got some dog tooth
 violets at Waverly.

R. Deane climbed up to
 what we thought was a
 crow's nest. One of my
 Swallows had in egg.

Father gave Jack some brandy.

Wednesday, May 20.

Jack died at about
 1 P. M.

Cloudy all day. Began
 to rain at about 2 P. M.
 & rained hard the rest
 of the day. Ther. about
 50° — 60° — 50°.

Rose as usual and,
 exercised the dogs. Visited
 Jack who was very
 weak. Also cut the holes
 in some bird boxes.

Went in to see Jack when
 I got back from school
 and found him dead.
 In P. M. went down to
 the Far Horn and brought
 our boat up in the day
 rigging. The blossoms
 are falling off the
 cherry trees. The pear
 trees are nearly all out.

Thursday, May 21.

Saw a Hummingbird.

Cloudy all day. Rained hard most of the time. Ther. about 50° - 55° - 52° . We have had so much water lately that all the meadows are flooded. Froze as usual and exercised the dogs. Got quite wet going down to school.

Rode home as it was raining very hard. After lunch studied about two hours at the Russells. Then William & I buried Jack under the apple tree. R. Deane came down while we were burying him. Also made a bird box. Read most of the evening. Some of the apple trees are blossomed out & the hilder trees are getting green.

Friday, May 22.

A.M. cloudy & rained a good deal. Ther. about 50° - 70° - 65° . Chared off at about 2 P.M. and we had the first pleasant afternoon that we have had for a long time. Froze as usual. Got dismissed at recess. Jim. Crosswell & Wasky came up with me and we rode up to Waverly in the shooting wagon. Got a number of vultures & found a Sp. Sandpiper's with one egg & a Song Sparrow with four. Then on to the Willows. Heard a Night Hawk & a Common Rail & saw a Virginia Rail. Found a Chickadee's with seven eggs which we took home shamp & all. Got back at 3.30 P.M. In P.M. fixed ~~on~~ boat with R. & came. Put up four boxes.

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Saturday, May 23.

Cloudy & rained the greater part of the day. Rose at 4 A. M. & found R. Deane waiting for me. We called Bill & soon got off in the wagon. First tied the horse in a pine grove in Waltham. I shot three Blk. Poll Warblers, an albino Field Sparrow (a male having a white tail feather) a female Field Sparrow, & R. Deane found a Field Sparrow's with 4 fresh eggs. Then went on to Lexington. Here I shot a King Bird, a Scarlet Tanager (male) a Marsh Wren (female) a Redstart (female), & a Red Eyed Vireo, female. Found a Crow's nest with 4 young & brought two home but they died on the way. R. Deane saw & fired at a Cape May War. a Blk. Thr. Blue Warb. & 4 Thr. Doves. Saw an Indigo Bird.

In P. M. & evening stuffed the Redstart, Field Sparrows, Marsh Wren, & the male Blk. Poll.

1868

Sunday, May 24.

Cloudy & rained most of the day. Thur. about 5:00 - 5:50 - 5:59. Attended church in A. M. as usual. In P. M. took a walk with R. Deane up around the pond & saw a female Blue Yellow Backed Warbler.

Monday, May 25.

Cloudy as usual and rained a number of times. We are having a remarkably long spell of dull weather. Rose as usual. After breakfast took my wagon & called for J. Crosswell. We rode first up to the Willows where I shot a male Delafields, a female Blue Yellow Backed Warbler & a Wilson's Black ^{Cap} ^{Star} Lin. Saw a Swamp Sparrow & a Virginia Rail building. Then up the road about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile & across towards Lexington. Saw a Woodcock with three young one of which I took. Got back at about 2 P. M. In P. M. stuffed the Blue Yl. Back, the female ~~Washington~~ (shot Saturday) the Delafields, & the young Woodcock. In the evening stuffed the Red Eyed Vireo (shot Sat) & saw E. Lodge in reference to to morrow's excursion.

Tuesday, May 26.

Cloudy & rained most of the day. Rose at 4.30 A. M. and went shooting with E. Dodge in the wagon. First led the horse on the hill near the Waltham pine woods & went into the woods near the Willows. Shot a female Chestnut Sided & a female White Eyed Vireo. Pushed over a stump & got five eggs, "knew it": shot the male downy but spilt him. Coming back to the wagon found a Towhee's with two & saw a Delafields building. Then further into Waltham. Found a Field Sparrow's with four fresh. Then into Lexington. Then down through the Willows & shot a female Maryland Yellow Throat. Found a Swamp Sparrow's with five & shot the old bird. In P. M. stuffed Sc. Tanager & King Bird shot Sat. also female White Eye & female Chestnut Sided Warbler.

Wednesday, May 27.

Fri. - part of A. M. cloudy & misty. Cleared off at about 10 A. M.

Thur. about 50° - 70 65°. Rose as usual.

Trained the dogs for about an hour. Then took my blow gun & spent several hours in the garden firing at small birds. At last shot a female Warbling Vireo.

Then stuffed the female Maryland Yellow Thrl. shot yesterday and skinned a White Eyed Vireo (female shot yesterday). In P. M. rode up to the old Lark's nest in Waverly, with Ruth. & got five eggs of which I had three. Then rode down to arrange about Henthaw's going eggging to morrow.

In evening attended the trials at the Wyman's and was introduced to Miss Parker.

Thursday, May 28.

First part of A. M. cloudy Rest of day clear & beautiful. Rose at 5 A. M. & found W. Henthaw waiting for me. Had Tiger harnessed and rode over to Stanham. First found a Blue Jay's with five rather fresh eggs. Then shot a male Indigo Finch. Then went up to a high rocky hill & shot a Night Hawk flying. Saw a pair of Whip-poor-Will's & fired at one. Got a number of violets. Then down to the shore of Spot Pond & found a Wood Thrush's built in a pine tree & containing three eggs, the a Hum. Bird newly finished, there was a Cooper's Hawk's with five about 5 days old. the bird flew off when we got under the tree. Then shot a Blk. M. Green, a male Chest. Side, & another Night Hawk. Coming back through Woburn got home at 2 P. M. In P. M. stuffed the Indigo Bird & Warbling Vireo.

1868

Friday, May 29.

A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy. Ther. about 60° — 70° — 65°.

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs after breakfast. Then stuffed a male Night Hawk shot yesterday & also a male Blk. Thr. Green Warbler. Was just finishing the latter when Dan came. Started at 3 P. M. & rode up to Concord with him. Put the horse in the stable of the Middlesex Hotel. Read and talked most of the evening.

1868

Saturday, May 30.

The first ~~stiff~~ day that we have had for some time. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 60°. A. M. cloudy. Rained hard in the latter part of P. M. Got up at 10 A. M. & carried Dan's grandfather to the depot. Then took the boat and sailed up to Fairhaven Bay. Found a Phoebe's nest fastened on a rock and ready for the eggs. Found seven or eight Red Wings' nests containing more or less eggs all fresh. Went ashore & Dan shot a B. Thrush. Grosbeak with my gun. Found a ~~both~~ Owl's nest in a Woodpecker's hole with 4 young & the old Owl — a red one — on. Took two young ones. Took a young crow also from its nest containing 5. Rode about Concord in P. M. Dan stuffed his Grosbeak in the evening.

1868

Sunday, May 31.

Clear and the first pleasant day that we have had for some time. Ther. about 60° - 72° - 65° . Rose at about 8 A. M. In A. M. walked down to the river & saw several Wilson's Black Cops and quantities of Black Poll Warblers. At 2 P. M. got my horse & came home Dan riding down to Walden with me.

Then I took a bath and saw some large Duck or Loon swimming in the pond. Got home to Cambridge at about 6 P. M. & brought my Owls & Crow with me. The water in Walden was quite warm.

1868

Monday, June 1.

Clear and a lovely day. Ther. about 70° - 75° - 70° . Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. Walked down to school with the boys. H. Henshaw came up from school with me & we took lunch together. Then rode over to Stoneham and took the Humming Bird's nest found Thursday. It contained two fresh eggs. Found a Humming Bird's nest building and shot a fine male Whip poor Will. Heard a Night Hawk "boon" several times.

Got back at 7 P. M. The Linden trees are covered with foliage as are also the maples, willows, horse chestnut & apple trees. The grass is about six inches high & everything is green.

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Tuesday, June 2. *Lindsey trap*

Saw a bird start building in our
 clear and a beautiful
 day. Ther. about
 60° 66° - 60°

Rose at 5:30 A.M.
 & studied with Thos.
 Saw a Conn. Warbler in
 our evergreens. After

I got home from school
 stuffed the male Whip-
 poor-Will shot yesterday.

R. Deane got home from
 Portland this A.M. with
 a Mourning Warbler &c.

After dinner went up
 to the swamp with Billy
 Found a Vir. Rail with six
 took them, Swamp Sp. with four
 took them, Vir. Rail 9 took them,
 Vir. Rail 4 large young in eggs, took
 one, Car. Rail 9 took them with
 the nest. Billy pointed about
 a dozen times at Rails &
 also at a nest of young
 Robins.

1868

Wednesday, June 3.

Clear and a most lovely
 day. Ther. about 48°
 68° 50°.

Rose at 5:30 A.M. and
 shaved myself. Then
 went up to the Russells &
 studied about an hour.

Went down to Henshaw's
 after school and went out
 on the marsh with him
 to get a Least Sandpiper to stuff,
 but saw none. Shot a Sharp

Tailed Finch. Got home to
 dinner at 3 P.M. Started at
 5 P.M. for 'the Swamp' with

prop. Found a Vir. Rail with
 9 fresh, took 4, a Swamp Sp.
 with two very handsome eggs,
 took them; a Car. Rail with
 7, took them; & a My. Yl. Thr. just
 finished. Saw a Wood Duck
 & a Coot in the swamp the
 latter of which must have
 had eggs.

1868

Thursday, June 4.

Clear and a beautiful day. Wind East.

Ther. about, 45° - 65° - 50° . Thos at 6 A. M.

& studied at the Ps.

After I got back from school stuffed the Th.

Tailed Finch shot

yesterday. Then rode up to Waltham with E. Lodge & G. Crowell.

Searched first for the Towhee found about a week ago but a Cod. & Jim were called to remove the horse we could not find it. Then got the Delapids with three eggs; no birds around.

Had some difficulty in finding the team again. Came down through the Willows & found a Virginia Rails' containing 10 eggs. Shot a Short Billed Marsh Wren

1868

Friday, June 5.

Cloudy. Rained all P. M. Ther. about 40° - 50° - 45° .

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs.

Came home from school & bought a pound of White lead putty. After dinner H. Deane came down & we put the putty & tar on our boat.

The apple tree blossoms are now coming off.

Several canker worms were seen on our trees today.

The grass in some places has nearly got its growth.

The pear trees have shed their blossoms & the currants & cherries are getting quite large.

Saturday, June 6.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. clear but very warm. Ther. about 60° - 80° - 70° .
 Mr. Henshaw woke me at 4 A. M. by throwing pebbles against my window. Got Bill up & had the horse harnessed. Rode over to Stonham. Cut off the limb of our Hum. Bird's nest but both the eggs rolled out & smashed. Then got a Downy's with four. I then drove a little further on & shot a female Sc. Jan. Then took lunch & a swim. Then across to Lexington. Found a double Bl. Bird's, & Br. Thrush's, two; & a Prairie Warbler just finished. Came down through the Willows. Found a Swamp Sp. four rotten eggs & shot a male Sh. Bl. Mar. When flying. Got back at 5 P. M. Stuffed Sc. Jan. & Mar. Wren.

A Black Poll Warbler was seen.

Sunday, June 7.

Cloudy all day & rained a number of times.

Ther. about 70° - 55° - 52° . Rose as usual, shaved, & exercised the dogs.

In A. M. attended church as usual and found it very hot & uncomfortable.

In P. M. R. Deane came down and I went up with him. Wrote a letter to Dan. in the evening. Kankar worms are getting thick.

Monday, June 8.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. clear and pleasant. Ther. about 50° — 70° — 60° . Rose at 6. A. M. and studied about thirty minutes at the B's. Got late to school in A. M. At 4 P. M. started for the swamp with Billy. Wore old pants & shoes & took the musket. Waded all the P. M. up to the waist in water. Shot a Blue Winged Teal which was the only thing that I got a shot at. Billy was rather dull & slow. Found several Swamp Sparrows. Got three Swamp Sparrows eggs & a Maryland Yl. Throut from a nest found the other day. Took J. Nichols to ride late in P. M.

Tuesday, June 9.

A. M. clear & very warm. P. M. cloudy & had a thunder shower. Ther. about 52° — 70° — 60° . Rose at 6. A. M. & studied about an hour at the B's.

Walked down to school with the boys & we all got late. Had lunch as soon as I got back from school & then went in to see Mr. Samuels carrying in my so called Laford's which he decided was the young of the Maryland Yl. Throut. Bought the Fox & Hamer at Brewster's. As soon as I got home set to work on the Blue Winged Teal shot yesterday. Finished him at about 9.30 P. M.

Wednesday, June 10.

Clear and quite cool, in fact one of the pleasant days that we have had to see this spring.

Ther. about 60° - 65° - 60°. Rose at 5.40 A.M. and studied about an hour at the R's.

When I got back from school studied about two hours at the R's. Had my meal for dinner & found it excellent. After dinner took Bill & with Ruth took my boat up to the pond. First harnessed in the General but he ran away & broke the gate so we took Tiger next and went up all right. The boat leaked so that we could not go out in it. Came home & went on top of the Catholic steps.

Then went up to the pond & took a row in Thos's boat.

Thursday, June 11.

Cloudy all day.

Began to rain at 12 M. & rained hard all the rest of the day.

Ther. about 68° - 67° - 50°. Rose only in time for breakfast & father had to exercise my dogs for me. Went into Boston from school.

Went first to father's office. Then went to Perkins' eating house & had some boiled fowl & green peas.

Then went to Dr. Starnes & had a tooth refilled: the old filling had been done by Dr. Robbins. Then went down to the bird store & bought a bird trap. Got home at 6 P.M. Studied at the R's in the evening.

The trees have all shed their blossoms. The young Robins of the first brood can now fly as well as their parents.

Friday, June 12. ^{Friday} birds in the

Mr. Dexter called to see my

Cloudy & rained most of the time. Ther.

about 50° — 62° —

55°. Rose as usual

& exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school alone and got late.

After I got home had lunch. Then Henshaw came up & went with me to the Prairie Warblers

found last Saturday, but found that it was only a Yl. Warbler; took one. Then

found a Br. Thrush, one I took it. Then a Bl. Bill. Cuckoo's

two broken. Br. Thrush, five;

took two. Shot a female Pine Creeper Warbler but spoiled her.

Came almost directly home as it was raining fast

but found nevertheless a

P. Creeper Warbler (probably) just finished & another nest that

may prove a W. Br. Chat.

Saturday, June 13.

Clear but rather warm. Ther. about 60° — 70° — 60°. Rose at 5 A.M. and found Ruth

waiting for me.

Took Tiger and started getting off at about 6 A.M. Put up the horse at Chener's. Found a Red Eye, three; an Indigo Bird, making, & Maryland Yl. Thr. ditto.

I shot two V. Br. two Wrens with my horse pistol. I also shot a male Yl. Warbler & found the nest, a double one.

Then rode on through the Willows, shot a Redwing with pistol, and took our lunch at a brook in Lexington. Then started for home & on the way found a Prairie Warbler (probably), nearly finished.

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Sunday, June 14.

Clear & a beautiful day. Had a heavy thunder shower last night. Ther. about 65° - 80° - 62°.

Rose as usual. attended church in A. M. In P. M. went up & spent about three hours with R. Deane and afterwards took a ride with father into and around Mt. Auburn. Wrote most of evening.

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Monday, June 15.

Clear and a most lovely day with a strong West wind.

Ther. about 70° - 82° - 68°.

Rose at 6.15 A. M. and studied about half an hour at the Ps'. When I got back from school studied two hours at the Ps'. Then had dinner. After dinner took my market & Billy & went up to the swamp wearing shoes instead of boots. Went through the entire swamp but did not get a shot at anything. Went to a Maryland Yl. Nest found last week with two eggs, but it was empty. Saw a King Bird's nest built about 200 feet above the surface of the water. Sat on the piazza most of the evening.

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Tuesday, June 16.

Clear and pleasant.
Thur. about $70^{\circ} - 75^{\circ}$
 65° . Rose a little
early & shined. Walked
down to school alone
& got late. Had lunch
as soon as I got home.
Then went up around
Mt. Auburn. Found
first an Olive Sided
Flycatcher's with them,
built in an apple tree,
but in trying to get the
nest down with a pole,
tipped it over & broke
all the eggs. Then found
a nest in a Spruce pine
exactly where I found
one last year; it contained
two eggs of which I took one.
Coming home, met father,
& took a ride with him
through Waverly. Brought
tobacco in my cases in the
evening to drive out the bugs.

1868

Wednesday, June 17.

A. M. cloudy & rained
several times. P. M.
clear but cool.
Thur. about $70^{\circ} - 80^{\circ}$
 65° . Rose
at 6 A. M. and rode
up to the Old Sided Fly.
found yesterday. The
birds were both there, &
the male dashed around
my head, snapping his bill
frequently, but the nest only
contained the one egg, left
yesterday. Took the 10.15
A. M. train for Andover
with father & mother.
In P. M. we all rode
over to North Andover.
Got home at about
8 P. M. & went up to the
bed to study but Dad
was engaged. Brought
down the 'ponies' & studied
alone.

Thursday, June 18.

ed. M. cloudy. P. M.
clear. Rose at 6 A. M.
and studied about
thirty minutes with
Geo. Then took Liger
& rode up to the
Flycatcher's nest. She
was sitting on one egg
which I took after
shooting the bird.

Got back at 7.30 A. M.
In A. M. stuffed the
O. L. shot this morning
taking considerable pains
with her. Took the
2.30 express train for
Springfield, with mother.
We arrived there at 6 P. M.
the train stopping only
at three places. After
supper mother & I took a
walk of about two
miles.

Friday, June 19.

Woke in A. M. train home & from the
car saw a Black Duck start from
Chas and by far the
hottest day that we have
had yet. Ther. about
70° - 85° - 80°.

Rose at about 7.30 A. M.
& found Ruth in the entry
of the Massasoit House
where we were stopping, but
& Mr. Deple having arrived
there last night at 12.
They took breakfast with us &
then took the 8 A. M. train
for Northampton. After breakfast
I walked out of the city &
across the toll bridge, and
then about three miles along
the straight road. Then turned
into the woods & searched for
eggs some time but found only two
Red Birds which out of disgust,
I took. Then took a path to a small
stream. Saw several Orchard Orioles
but although I had the horse pistol
in my bag, I did not dare
to fire at them as they were on the

birds of the town.

Saturday, June 20.

Clear and even warmer than yesterday.
Thur. about 80° - 97° - 85° . Rose as usual after breakfast rode down to the Port & after going to a laundry after Kenshaw, found him upon coming back to his house. Then rode over to Stonham with him but it was so hot that we walked the horse most of the way. First found a R. Eye with 4 far advanced, & a Wood Pewee's with two fresh.

Then drove down to the pond. Found a Red Eye just finished & saw what must be a Solitary King building. Then took a swim. Then rode on & got a Night Hawk's which was laid on the bare ground. Took lunch in a shed where we got some very cold water. Got back at 6 P.M.

Sunday, June 21.

Cloudy and rained all day. Thur. about 78° - 68° - 60° . Rose as usual and shaved. Then exercised the dog & got so warm in disciplining J. up. That I did not go to church. Spent most of the A.M. with my birds & in cleaning & arranging my eggs. In P.M. B. Deane called and stayed several hours. The canker worms have nearly all disappeared.

Monday, June 22.

Cloudy & misted most of the day. Ther. about 52° — 60° — 54° .

Rose at 5.30 A. M. & studied with Theo.

When I got back from school had lunch.

Then went up to the pond' with R. Deane and after baling out our boat we rowed across the pond'. This was my first row in the boat & I like it very much.

I rolled for pictures & caught on of about half a pound's weight. R. Deane knocked down three Chimney Swifts with a pole. Got in at about 7 P. M. Studied about two hours in the evening.

Father began to mow today.

Tuesday, June 23.

A. M. cloudy. P. M. clear. Ther. about 55° — 70° — 62° .

Rose as usual and exercised the dogs. After I got back from school had lunch as usual and then went

up to the pond' with Theo. & E. Dodge. Went across in Theo's boat & went in swimming at some ice houses on the other side. Then left the boat & dove into the middle of the Pine Swamp. Found two Green Heron's nests with young. Came directly home & then rode up there taking my light gun. Shot the pair of one of the nests & took one of three young shot of the male 'hough', of female 'hough' known known. Got back at 8 P. M. & read most of evening.

Wednesday, June 24.

A. M. clear. Most of
P. M. do. Ther. about
60° — 65° — 66°.
Rose at 5 A. M. &
studied at the Ps'.

Discovered that nearly
all my birds were
infested with grubs.

When I got back from
school took out all my
birds. In P. M. stuffed
the male Green Heron
shot yesterday. In latter
part of P. M. father & I
put a listing all around
my case & in the
evening father fumigated
it with sulphur. Studied
at Ps' in the evening.

All the Swallows & most
of the Wrens have young.
The yard is almost filled
with young Robins.

Thursday, June 25.

Clear & warm but with
a good breeze. Ther.
about 62° — 80° —
70°. Rose as usual
& exercised the dogs.

Walked down to school
with the boys. When I got
back from school went
up to the Ps' & studied about
twenty minutes. Then
went to work on the
female Green Heron shot
Tuesday & got her eyes in
before dinner. After dinner
finished her. Went up to
the pond' just at sunset,
and rowed for about an
hour. Got back at 9 P. M.
stopping some time at
the Deane's. Saw hosts
of fire flies for the first
time this year.

Friday, June 26.

Clear & a most lovely day. Ther. about 62°-78° — 70°. There are only a very few cantus worms remaining. ~~We~~ got in nearly all our hay to day. Woke at 4 A.M. intending to go fishing with Theo. but as my ~~side~~ troubled me, I gave it up.

Put ~~as~~ as usual and exercised the dogs. Got dismissed at recess.

A Purple Martin came into our yard & went to several of my boxes but the Swallows drove him off.

In P.M. went up to the pond & fixed our boat.

While those Mr. Dexter came up. Came home at about 7 P.M.

Saturday, June 27.

Clear but very warm. Ther. about 70°-88°-68°. Rose at 5 A.M. & found Henshaw waiting. Got off at about 5.30, taking the General as Tiger was needed for haying. First went to the Bird. Bird's, & Mar. W. Thrtls. which R. Seavey & I found two weeks ago ~~and~~ got three eggs from the former but found the latter gone.

Then got a King Bird's with 4. Found a Sh. Bl. Mar. Wren building. Searched the Willow Meadows. Then up into Lincoln: Saw a Woodcock, & found an empty Red Eyes. Then down into Lee. & took dinner. Found a Chrt. Ld. Warbler with one deserted egg & another one empty. Got a Pewee in a cellar with five fresh eggs.

Got back at 5 P.M. Then went up & painted my boat & took a swim.

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Sunday, June 28.

Clear & rather cool.
 Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 60° . Work as usual
 & shaved. In A.M.
 attended church. In
 P.M. took pup. up
 to 'the pond' and also
 pushed the bow of our
 boat into the water but
 it still leaked a little.
 Got back at about 5 P.M.
 Then took a ride with father
 & mother into old Auburn
 and up around Fresh pond.
 In the evening wrote
 to Charlie Carter. The
 cherries are ripening
 fast.

1868

Monday, June 29.

Clear & a beautiful day.
 Ther. about 65° - 75° -
 68° . Rose at 5.30 A.M.
 & studied at the B's.
 Walked down to school
 alone & got late.
 We had short hours
 to day as on Fridays & got
 dismissed at the beginning
 of the last hour. After
 lunch Henshaw came up
 and we rode over to Sturham
 taking the General. Got a
 Red Eye's with 4 nearly
 fresh eggs. Then went up
 to a nest which I found on
 the 20th but it proved to be only
 a Red Eye's. Hunted for Dickcissel
 but caught none. Saw a pair
 of Solitary Vireos. Male while
 with his mate, uttered a noise like
 the creaking of a rug board. Female
 chattered exactly like a Yl. Thrst.
 Vireo. Got back at 6.30 P.M.

Tuesday, June 30.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 62°-78°-65°. Rose at 5.30 A.M. and studied at the Ps'. When I got back from school had some lunch. Then went up to 'the pond' with R. Dean taking Billy. Made the circuit of the pond and landed once on the other side. When we came back across the pond it was quite rough. They were carrying away the last remnants of the Indians boat house. Got back at 5.45 P.M. & taking the General in father's buggy we went down & saw the boats go out at the float. Then went up & took J. Nichols out to ride.

Wednesday, July 1.

Clear but rather warm. Ther. about 65°-86°-65°. Rose at 6 A.M. and studied at the Ps'. Walked down to school with James V. E. Dodge & we all got late. Had nearly 400 lines of Virgil & two pages of Abilo. Finished our Greek review to day. Had most of the time before dinner. After dinner made some red, blue, green varnish, from sealing wax. At 6 P.M. went up to Dr. Marion's with father ~~talking~~ Jap. ran behind. Dr. Marion was not at home. Came back over Wellington hill. Tried to make Jap go into 'the pond' but he would not. Went to bed at 9 P.M.

Thursday, July 2.

This Bates called to see my birds in the evening & clear & very hot. Ther. about 74° - 88° - 75° . It was our exhibition day but I did not go. I was mentioned with the rest of the class for all our studies. Rose at 4 A.M. & went up to the R's. Got Joe Russell and went up to 'the pond' fishing. I rowed in my boat almost around 'the pond' for catching two rather small pickrel. Then he took the oars & I caught quite a large one. Got back at 7.30 A.M. Examined my birds & found them full of grubs in spite of the sulphur. At about 10 A.M. went over to Storham with E. Lodge taking pup. First got a Red Eye's nest, 4 eggs. Ed. smashed them in his box. Then went in swimming. Then on to tavern. took lunch. Rowed round the pond taking pup. Found a Red Eye on a white pine. Got back at 7 P.M.

Friday, July 3.

Clear and the hottest day that we have had. Ther. about 80° - 94° - 80° . Rose at 6 A.M. & got two pages of Cicero at the R's. First hour, recited over 400 lines of Virgil which I had not looked at. Then learnt four pages of Cicero in the dressing room with Cha. Got out at about 12 M. after having recited our Cicero. After I got home made some lemonade and then went to sleep. Min. Farrar called and stayed about an hour. After dinner went up to 'the pond' with Walter Deane and rowing across in my boat we went in. After I got back to Bruce's found that I had lost my key & went back across the pond after it but could not find it. Got back at 9 P.M.

Saturday, July 4.

The Robins were flying over to the swamp.

Clear but the hottest day that we have had. Ther. about 86° - 100° & 88° . Rose at 6 A.M. and rode up to 'the pond' in my wagon taking Billy. Put a brass padlock on my boat. After breakfast B. Deane called and went first down to Mr. Dexter's rooms where I got a ticket to the steamer Alert. Then we rode down to the bridge. We had to wait nearly an hour for the boat to start. First single then double scull race then my ward then four oared. Then went to Ruth's grandfather's & took dinner: then down to the common & saw a tight rope performance. Got out at 5 P.M. At 7 P.M. rowed across the pond with Mr. Dexter & Ch. Deane & went in morning.

Sunday, July 5.

Clear but extremely hot. We are now having a bad drought. Ther. about 80° - 97° & 80° . Rose as usual. After breakfast wrote a letter to Dan. Studied about an hour before dinner. After dinner studied most of the afternoon. Towards evening went out & walked around the garden. The currents are reddening and the strawberries are beginning to decline. All the mallows have blown except one broad. Heard a Robin singing this evening.

Monday, July 6. evening.

Fumigated my birds in the
Cham. but very cool.

Ther. about

68° - 70° 60°

Rose at 6 A.M. &
went up to the R.
and studied about
half an hour on the
Greek. As soon as
we got to school Mr.Bradbury gave us our
Greek paper, containing
twenty questions, eight
of which however he
crossed off. Got out
at 12 A.M. being the
last one. Left only one
question unanswered.After I got back from
school looked over my
birds. After dinner went
over to Newton with father
& saw Bob Smith's puppies.
Came down through
Brighton & saw Barnes.

Tuesday, July 7.

This got my Virgil paper for me. average
A. M. clear. P. M. cloudy
& rained about an hour.Ther. about 60° - 80°
70°. Rose at 6 A.M.& studied about an hour
for the Virgil paper.Got late to school. Went
to work on my paper
almost immediately but was
the last to get through.After lunch at about 12
A.M. started shooting taking
my musket and Billy. First
down to the pond. Put one of the
rowlocks into my boat. Shot
a female Red Wing & missed another
then into Inish Swamp. Shot
a Red Wing, could not find him,
then Crow Blackbirds, found two,
& missed another Red Wing. Then into
covert on other side; fired five times
at Woodcock & knocked feather out.
Billy made some handsome points.
Fell in up to my neck. Heard several
Carolina Nighthawks singing. Frank & Uncle
Henry came to day.

Wednesday, July 8.

Cloudy all day. Misted in the first part of A.M. 80°—85°. Rose as usual & found Frank up. After breakfast had Tiges harnessed and rode first up to Mr. Payson's with Frank letting pup run behind the wagon. Then up through Wallham & down by Chumers where we tied the horse & looked over the stock. Coming down through lower Belmont heard a Sh. Bill sing & saw a large flock of Robalinks, the male clinking but every now and then, one or another of them would sing. Got back at 12 M. & had lunch. Then I went up to see R. Deane. After dinner Frank & I went up to the pond. I rowed around the pond & he trailed with my spoon. I went in at the wharf. Read most of evening.

Thursday, July 9.

Cloudy and misted most of the day. Ther. about 65°—68°—65°.

Rose as usual. After breakfast rode first over to the rope walk with Frank & saw them make ropes.

Then rode on to the Reservoir and went about half way around it.

Then over through Chestnut Hills and down through Norton & Watertown. Got back at 12.30 P.M.

Loafed round till dinner time. After dinner went up to the pond with Frank and rowed till 7. Made a good paddle from an old spoon ~~ear~~ and took it up with me. Found Ferris & Crowell in possession of my oars. Read most of the evening.

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Friday, July 10.

Clear and quite warm.
 Ther. about 70° — 80°
 70° — 80°. Rose
 as usual. After
 breakfast rode into
~~Bath~~ in the cars
 with Frank. Then
 went over to Charlestown
 & around Bunker Hill
 Monument. Had
 no view as it was very
 misty. Then went down
 to the clay yard and
 went over the Ohio.
 Saw Hiram the Profile House
 chicken killer; saw the
 Monitors. Then took a
 lunch with father. Then
 bought 2nd bag of No 8, & three
 5th bags of 4, 25 100. Ordered
 a shooting coat. Frank took
 the 3 P. M. train for home.
 Went up to Lex. in P. M. with
 Henshaw and got the Marsh

Wren's nest found two weeks
 ago. It was finished but was empty.

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Saturday, July 11.

Clear but very warm.
 Ther. about 75° — 85° & 75°
 Awoke at 4 A. M. intending
 to go shooting but fell
 asleep again. Got up
 at 7 A. M. & taking
 breakfast immediately
 started shooting taking
 Billy. First down the
 lane, shot a Red Wing.
 Then around the pond
 to Andrew's, shot a Cedar Bird
 & St. Sarah. both flying. Then
 into ~~the~~ Swamps, fired
 twice at a Woodcock, ~~bird~~
 shot killed him, old bird.
 Then shot two more also
 on the wing, one of which was
 a young & the other an old bird.
 Billy pointed the last & retrieved
 them all. Got back at 1 P. M.
 Took a bath. Mr P. M. rode over
 to see Mr. Barnes with Ruth but
 he was not at home.

Sunday, July 12.

Clear but exceedingly hot - in fact about the warmest day that we have had. Therm. about 80° - 100° - 95° .

Rose quite late.

Did not attend church as my face was swollen up with a large boil. Spent most of the day reading Woods & Waters one of Mr. Dexter's books.

In evening John called and stayed an hour or two with us.

Monday, July 13.

Clear but warmer 70° - 80° - 75° .

Rose as usual. After breakfast rode into Boston in the buggy with mother. Waited several hours for her to finish her 'shopping'. Then she held the horse while I got an ice cream and bought at twenty pairs of glass shaded pins. Got out of town at 1 P.M.

Stuffed the young Woodcocks that Saturday. After dinner Heirshaw called with Mr. Stearns who looked over my birds. After they had left went up to 'the pond' with Jack and got him so he would swim pretty well.

Got home at 8.30 P.M.

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Tuesday, July 14.

Clear but hot. Ther.
about 70°—90°—
75°. Rose as usual.
Spent the first
part of A. M. in
writing up my record
and diary. Then
shook over my wings
which are infested
with grubs, and put
spirits turpentine on
them. Got a letter
from Dan saying that
he could go to Bay with
me. After dinner
rode up to Mr. Bangs
with father and saw
his puppies, two months
old one of which he
offers to me. Spent about
an hour before supper in
hacking up to carry.

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Wednesday, July 15.

Clear but excessively hot.
Ther. about 80°—95°—
82°. Rose at 4 A. M.
and went shooting taking
Billy. First up around
the Snake Swamp; found
several Long Billed Marsh Wrens
nest nearly done and saw
several birds for the first
time. Then cut down a cock
in a ~~narrow~~ path through the
brush. Then beat the Pine
Swamp but found no birds. Saw three
Least Sandp. Coming home
shot 4 Bobolinks at a shot. Got back
at 9 A. M. Then father went over
& got Mr. Sweet & family & they got
here at about 1 P. M. Spent
most of the P. M. in playing
croquet. They left at 6 P. M.
& I went up & spent several
hours with R. Deane who is still
confined by his toe. Had a ~~thunder~~
thunder shower.

Thursday, July 16.

Saw the first Least Sandp. Clear and cool. Ther. about 70° — 75° — 70° . Rose as usual. After breakfast rode up to the Brickyard where I tied Tiger. Then leaving Billy to guard the wagon, I went to the Long Bill Mr. Wren's out. missed the mate at first shot & brought him down from the wing at second. Then took his two nests & left. Went rode up through Belmont making Billy follow. When I got back after having the nests, rode down to the Square & got my box for stuffing bats. Then stuffed the Marsh Wren. After dinner went up to the pond and rowed for some time with J. Brownell & J. Nichols. Went in swimming. Saw seven Wood Ducks. Both Wren's came up just at sunset & we rowed halfway across the pond.

Friday, July 17.

Clear & cool with an East wind. Ther. about 60° — 70° — 64° . Rose at 5.30 A. M. Got Bill up & he took me down to the Port in the rowing. Went "peeping" with Henshaw & got fifteen Least Sandp. & one Spotted. He got about the same number. I shot a number of mice flying singly, some on the ground & five at one rake. We found no Semi-palmated. Shot the Spotted Ldg. flying & fired at several others. Green Herons very troublesome. Went in off the point. Got back at 10. M. After dinner went up to the pond & shot five Sp. Sandp. out of the boat, three sitting & two flying: also two Cliff Swallows flying, an adult & young. Fire at a Kingfisher flying. Got home at 8.30 P. M. Ruth is abed with his toe.

Saturday, July 18.

Clear but rather warm.
Ther. about 64° —
 80° — 70° . Rose as
usual. After breakfast
went up to the B's. At
10 A. M. started for the
pond with the rest of the
boy for our picnic. Found
a man & boy out in my
boat. Went out to them in
the B's boat & made them
come in. They had broken the
chain to get it loose. Took Will
Russell & J. Nichols across
in my boat. Then we went
in swimming & ~~swam~~
nearly quarter of a mile. Had our
picnic at about 12 M. Got
home at 3 P. M. After dinner
stuffed the two Cliff Swallows
shot yesterday, made & going
at 7.30 P. M. went up to the
pond with J. Nichols & fastened
my boat driving a stake
into it.

Sunday, July 19.

Clear and very warm.
Ther. about 75° — 85° —
 72° . Had a heavy
thunder shower late in
P. M. & it rained nearly
an hour. Rained lightly
nearly all the evening.
Rose as usual & shaved.
Attended church in A. M.
but found it exceedingly
warm. Went up to see
R. Deane in P. M.
Wrote a letter to Sam
in the evening.
The raspberries are ripe,
Had the last box of strawberries
today, currants on the
dormer, gooseberries d.s.
Cherries entirely gone &
Blackberries yet green.
Wrens still singing
vigorously.

Monday, July 20.

Cloudy & cold. Ther.
about 72° - 70° -
60°. Rose at 4 A.M.
& went shooting taking
Jup. First down to
'the pond'. Near the foot
of the lane Jup pointed
& two birds got up. I tried
both barrels but the caps
only snapped. Then missed
a shot; then knocked over
a Cock which Jup retrieved
perfectly. Saw three ~~all together~~.

Then back of brick ice house &
shot a Red Wing & young chick
shot. Found at a Vir. Rail. Then
into Pine Swamp & knocked
over another Cock. Then ~~run~~
around 'the pond'. Got back
at 9 A.M. Then rode up through
Lexington letting Billy follow.
Saw a male & several female & young
Orchard Orioles in Belmont.
After dinner cleaned two guns
& went up to the pond & took a row

Tuesday, July 21.

Cloudy & rather cold.
Ther. about 65° - 75° -
70°. Rose at 3.40 A.M.
& taking Billy went up
to 'the pond'. Dropped a
couple of young Cocks at the
foot of the lane & fired twice
at an old bird, probably
killing him at the last
shot. Billy probed twice.
Coming home got five Bobolinks
at a shot. The males have not
yet changed. Got back at 6.30
A.M. After breakfast stuffed
a female Least Sandp. shot
Friday. Then rode down to
Cherryhaws but he was not
at home. Had four Cocks for
dinner. After dinner read
a while & then went up to
the pond with J. Nichols
& got a side ache rowing.
Saw Cliff Swallows.

Saw them on four Woodcock & watched one for some time

Wednesday, July 22.

Clear but warm.

Thur. about 70°—90°—
75°. Rose as usual.At 9 A.M. got Bill to
carry me down to
Henshaw's. We went out
on to the marshes where
we spent the forenoon.I shot five & he four
Least Sandp. but no
Semipalmated. Saw two
Yellow Legs & two Ring
Necks. Went in swimming.Bill came down for me
at 2.30 P.M. After dinner
went up to see R. Dean
& spent the afternoon
with him. In the evening
sat out on the piazza
as usual. Gooseberries
nearly all gone. Whens
still singing.

Thursday, July 23.

Clear but quite cool.

Thur. about 62°—75°—
70°. Rose as usual.After breakfast went
up to the 'Is.' & got Theo
to go to ride. Rode up
through Lexington &
Waltham where we got
some sweet fern. Came
down through Waverly
where we saw a flock
of several hundred Green
Blackbirds. In P.M.
went up to the 'pond'
and went in swimming.
I swam out to a stake
in the pond. Then
rowed around the pond
with J. Nichols. The
Green Blackbirds & Red Wings
still continue to fly North
in large flocks, indeed it
seems as if there was no
end to them.

Friday, July 24.

Cloudy & cold. Mist at several times during the day. Ther. about 64° — 75° — 60° . Intended to rise at 5 A.M. & go shooting but my clock did not wake me. Rose as usual. Went up to 'the pond' in A.M. & rowed for some time. After dinner went up to Dr. Mason's with father & saw a fine little bitch of his. Got home at about 7 P.M. Then went up to see R. Deane & stayed about an hour. The Herbards received with Yale at Worcester, Harvard ~~17~~ 17.28½; Yale 18.20

Saturday, July 25.

A.M. cloudy, P.M. do. Ther. about 65° — 80° — 65° . Intend to start at 4 A.M. but as it was raining hard I did not go. After breakfast went up to 'the pond' with Farrar. Went nearly around in my boat. Fired at a Chimney Swallow & Farrar shot a Sp. Lark. Then came ashore & Farrar went home. I went into the swamp with Jap. Fired at a Night Heron. Shot a young male Wood Duck which Jap. brought out of the water. Started an old Duck but did not fire at her. Had father's gun. Got back at 4 P.M. Then mounted the head of the Wood Duck. In evening cleaned the long double gun & the musket.

Sunday, July 26.

Clear but cool.
 Ther. about 65° -
~~75°~~ 70°. Rose
 as usual & shaved.
 Attended church
 in A. M. In P. M.
 took a ride with father,
 mother, aunt, & cousin,
 through Mr. Auburn
 & around through
 Belmont.

Monday, July 27.

Clear but warm.
 Ther. about 70° - 80°
 70°. Rose at 4 A. M.
 & went up to the high
 swamp taking Billy.
 Came across a flock of about
 ten Wood Ducks & got both
 barrels into them as they
 rose, killing one. Then
 got a shot at a single Duck
 but missed him. Then
 shot a Common Rail. Got
 wet through on account of the
 heavy dew. Got home at 7
 A. M. After breakfast
 got ready my things for packing.
 Then went up to the pond
 with W. M. Russell &
 rowed for some time.
 Coming home called in to
 see R. Dease. In P. M.
 went over to see Mr.
 Barnes taking Japs.

Tuesday, July 28.

Breeze, but did not rain.
 Ther. about 70° - 85° - 70° .
 Rose as usual. After
 breakfast went down
 to the square & got my
 hair cut; also bought a
 ball of shoe thread. After
 I got home Thos. brought his
 baggage down & Bill & Freder-
 ick with the baggage starting
 at 10.30 A.M. Took the
 12 A.M. train for Plymouth.
 Had most of the way in
 newspapers & *London Standard*.
 Had supper at 11. After
 supper walked
 down to the bank of
 the river. There is a watch
 for the Chimney Sweeps.
 But they did not go down in
 any chimneys. Heard a Whist-
 ling-Hall. On the way up
 heard Field Sparrows, Towhees
 & Red-eyed Vireos.

Wednesday, July 29.

Aftermath, cloudy & clear
 but at times rather misty.
 Ther. about 70° - 80° -
 60° (Pulch House) Rose at
 8.30 A.M. & had breakfast
 at the Hemmingsworth House at
 10. Took the 8 A.M. train
 for Littleton, where we
 arrived at about 12 A.M. There
 took the stage for the Capital
 House. On the way heard
 a Wood Thrush & saw a small flycatcher
 that occurred with "wit-
 wit ta-wit to". There I
 walked the three last miles,
 getting in before the stage &
 seeing room at 51 & 52.
 After dinner (at 1.30) Thos.
 & I went down to the lake
 & beat the water with flies in
 vain for some hours. Saw a
 Blackburnian Warbler & heard
 the "H" Thrushes & a Blk. & W.
 Warbler. Got in to supper at
 6 P.M. Went to bed at 11 P.M.

Thursday, July 30.

Cloudy, as usual here. Rain
 hard for about an hour
 in A.M. Ther. about
 65° - 70° - . . .
 at 8 A.M. had breakfast
 very late. After breakfast
 it about an hour in the
 field & soon as it was raining
 hard. Then saw stream &
 after getting some fish for
 bait went down to Elcho
 Lake & looked for fish but
 could find none. Went
 on swimming. Saw
 a black at a Wood for
 winter. Then a number of
 Wrens. Got back to dinner
 at 2 P.M. After dinner
 went down to Elcho Lake
 with John & I caught
 ten & he did not catch but
 none of them being very
 large. Got back at 5 P.M.
 Saw a St. Bernard Hawk

Friday, July 31.

Cloudy but warm for this
 season. Ther. about 65° - 78° -
 65°. Rose at 6 A.M.
 started at 6.30 breakfast.
 Then rode down to the basin
 on allard's reach & began
 to fish down the stream.
 After walking down about a
 quarter of a mile we turned
 up West branch where we
 caught our best trout one of
 one and a half pounds at 1/4 of a
 pound. Took lunch at the
 summit of the West branch.
 Then fished down to the
 main stream which we
 fished some distance below
 the bridge. Saw no birds but
 a few Wrens & a few
 in catch. Walked down
 getting home at about 5 P.M.
 with 130 trout; I seventy
 & John sixty.

Saturday, August 1.

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Sunday, August 2.

Saw a flock of about thirty
Common pheasant,
about 50 - 75
birds. I had
breakfast at 8 o'clock.
The remaining half
of the night caught Friday.
I went out to see
Bill Williams & went to
Dinner. After dinner
service at 11 o'clock. The
parlor but, I did not however
attend, as the dinner went
down to the hotel house
& waited for dinner to come
and then he did not.
Then walking down to Hall's
with Mr. Williams & I
& witnessed the sunset from
the summit. The country
was smoking so that we
had a very fine view,
I shot a pheasant on the summit.
Got back to my room at 11 o'clock.

Monday, August 3.

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Tuesday, August 4.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Temp. about 60° -
70° - 60° Here as usual.
For ed. H. gave Horans young
Harris Hawks and the
trout in the breeding house.
Then took my gun & went
down to the lake with Theo.
We were out about five
miles and fired the
gun down at the shore.
Then we went swimming.
Then several large water
melons. After dinner
looked at the lake for an hour
and then played
a couple of games of
billiards. Spent most
of the evening on the piazza.
The house was very
full to night, a lot of people
to-morrow.

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Wednesday, August 5.

Cloudy. Windy morning
at 10. The air was
70° - 60° at 10. At 11
Went down on the 1st of
stage with children to the mouth
of the branch. All bathing and
trading in the stream
to the south of the
bridge. From 11 to 12
the branch followed us
for some little distance. Saw
a few deer in the forest.
Followed the stream up to the
it became a small brook and
almost disappeared in the
forest. Saw a few deer
later. Great bunch of deer saw at
1.30. Found that at 1.30
saw a large deer. A hundred
of deer in the forest. This
forest, saw a few deer. At 1.30
Got down to river at 6.30. Saw
a few deer in the forest.
At 1.30. 1868.

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Thursday, August 6.

Cloudy and rained most
of the afternoon. The
about 6.30 - 1.30. Saw
Bass at 5.30. 11. I had
breakfast as usual.
At 10.04. We started with
the to around all the morning.
Took over two hours in
the ascent stopping
frequently to rest & talk.
Several of the boys of the
party were accompanied
by a woman (not known)
to one but which may be
the White Winged species.
I sat on the summit
I had a fine view
although the day was cloudy.
Came down the mountain
miraculously. After dinner
played two games of billiards.
Saw a few birds. C. Head
in the evening, also humming.

Friday, August 7.

Alternately cloudy & clear. Ther. about 65° — 70° — 65° .
 Rose at 6 A.M. & had ~~an~~ hurried breakfast. Thos. & I got outside seats. It commenced to rain when we got down to the bridge and continued for nearly an hour. Got within ten yards of a ~~Barn~~ wing Hawk, coming down the valley. Reached Plymouth at 12 M. Had dinner at 12.20 & the cars started at 1 P.M.

Got into Boston at 6 P.M. and found Bill waiting. Thos. & I rode out with him on the wagon.

Fed the Cows in the evening & exercised the dogs which were glad to see me particularly Jack.

Saturday, August 8.

Cloudy & rained most of P.M. Ther. about 62° — 75° — 65° .
 Rose as usual. After breakfast went up to see R. Deane but he was 'in town'. Thos. got Thos. Russell & went up to 'the pond'. He came home again and I went out in my boat & made the circuit of 'the pond'. Got a number of full grown lilies & came in getting home at about 12 M. Found Dan. waiting for me. After dinner we took the 'shooting wagon' & I took him up to Plumater Brook station where he took the cars for Concord. Had most of the evening.

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Sunday, August 9.

Morning broke cloudy & raining hard. Cleared off at about 10 A.M. Rest of day clear and the afternoon the hottest I think that I ever beheld. The air was clear as crystal with a cool breeze & the golden sunlight played over the freshly washed foliage. Mr. Deane came down in the first part of A.M. & staid till noon. After dinner wrote up my record. Then took a ride with father & aunt Lizzie through Mt. Auburn & around through Belmont & Arlington. In the latter town saw an albin Robin that was almost pure white.

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Monday, August 10.

Got back at 8 P.M.

Clear and warm. Ther. about 65° - 78° - 65°. Rose at 4.30 A.M. & went up to the Deane's where I found R. Deane & Mr. Dexter waiting for me. Walked down to the pond & found our boat nearly full of water. Baled it out & carried Mr. Dexter out to the point where he backed out. Then R. Deane shot a Kingfisher. I fired out at one & wounded him. Then shot one sitting. Then shot a Red Wing (female) & a Sp. Sandp. Got home at about 11 A.M. firing several times at Mr. Larks on the way. Shot five Robins at five shots in the yard. Jap. retrieved them all & I made him point dead. In latter part of P.M. went up to the pond & practiced casting with my fly rod. Saw a flock of *Thalassidroma* (18) Wood Ducks. Saw two Sp. Sandp. mount into the air.

Tuesday, August 11.

Heard a Baltimore Oriole.
Cloudy most of the
day. Ther. about
65° — 75° — 65°.

Rose at 5 A.M. &
& taking Billy went
into the swamps. First
waded through the Tule
swamp but saw nothing.
Then through the swamp
back of the Glacialia. Saw
three Night Herons & two
young & an adult (changing)
& missed another. Saw two Green
Herons & shot a Bar. Rail & a
Sp. Sandp. the latter flying.
Then back of Block Island
& shot a young Hooded Merg.
~~for~~ Least Bittern, & a slight
Heron all flying. Fied
three times to secure the
Merg. Saw both Long & Short
Billed Marsh Wrens.
Got back at 11 A.M. In
P.M. stuffed the Merg.
& Bittern. R. Deane called
in the evening.

Wednesday, August 12.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Ther. about
60° — 70° — 65°.

Rose at 6 A.M. &
after breakfast took father
down to the Somerville
depot. Then came back
& rode into Boston
with mother. Bought
several pairs of glass
eyes, five papers of pins
& two bundles of cotton
wool. Coming out called
to see H. Benthams
& took him over through
Brighton and back again.
After dinner played
base ball for some time
with the Ps & then played
billiards with E. Dodge.
Dan came down in
the last train. R. Deane
& E. Dodge called in the evening.

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Thursday, August 13.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 60° - 70° - 60°. Rose as usual. After breakfast took a ride through Longton with Sam. I got some new ferns. Had dinner at 12 o'clock. Started with the baggage at 1.30 P.M. & took the S.H. train for St. Thomas. Sam & I rode down in the smoking car, arrived here at 6 P.M. after supper we took a walk over to the old pond & saw several Green Herons & a Bittern. Just at dusk saw immense flocks of Sooty Terns flying southward. Spent most of the evening at the Ocean House & saw Will Philbrick & Frank. Went to bed at 9.30 P.M. Heard an Indigo Bird sing.

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Friday, August 14.

Clear & cool with a good breeze. Ther. about 60° & 70° - 65°. Intended to run at 4 o'clock but did not wake till 8.30. Looped most of A.M. as my old enemy the side ache has again attacked me. Sam & I went down to the beach several times. Saw several Green Herons & a large flock of Sooty Terns. In the evening went over to the Ocean House. Went to bed at 9.30 P.M.

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Saturday, August 15.

and a fine day. The wind
 75° - 60° - 40° at
 4 o'clock I went over to
 the pond with Dan.
 got there just as it was
 getting light. Soon 4nd. ~~one~~
 Scaup came along & I shot
 three & Dan on the wing. I
 shot three more Scaup &
 a W. Leg. & I, another
 Scaup & W. Leg. but in
 the morning. Three
 Black Ducks came over
 his way & I fired at them
 but missed. I saw several more
 but did not shoot at 5.30 P.M.
 after breakfast picked the
 birds with Dan. I then rode
 over to the Grange House
 to see Mr. Phillips but he was
 out. I saw a man by the house.
 Counted the number of the
 along the bank are 30 minutes
 and 1000 or 3000 a day.

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Sunday, August 16.

First part of A.M.
 raining. Cleared up at
 about 10 A.M. But a
 day clear & pleasant.
 Ther. about 60° - 65° -
 60°. Wind as usual.
 After breakfast heard
 several large flocks
 of W. Legs & one fell
 Yale flying over toward
 the pond. I then
 watched a horn for some
 time through my glass.
 After dinner walked
 over to the Grange
 house with Dan. I saw
 three Scaup. Got back
 at 6.30 P.M.

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Monday, August 17.

Left at 6:00 AM. for
 Pleasant. Then
 about 6:00 AM. (2:00
 AM) at 4:00 PM. with
 Dan & went over to
 the pond. The morning
 was exceedingly cold &
 we staid there for over
 an hour before we saw
 any birds. Saw them when
 Dan & I went back
 to the pond. Then we
 Yellow-bellied. Dan & I got
 them & Dan got a string
 one. Shot also a Yellow-bellied
 the very home a beautiful pair.
 After breakfast went back
 to the pond and shot a
 H. L. & a H. & Dan & I
 got our boat & rowed up the river
 a fine fish on the way.
 H. L. & I went to the pond
 H. L. stuffed a pair of H. L. (H. L. & Dan)
 & a H. L. (male) & a H. L.
 Leo & Dan took duck from
 in the summer. Bathed in at 11.

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Tuesday, August 18.

Clear and a pleasant day.
 The wind 6:00 7:00 AM.
 Then at 2:00 PM. and
 went over to the pond.
 The morning was
 very foggy & the birds
 were scarce.
 Went over to the pond
 with Dan & the morning
 keeper & shot over twenty
 Red-bellied. Got back at
 8:30 AM. & had breakfast
 Dan & I went to the pond
 & we finished our birds.
 Then took a bath.
 Water rather cold but the
 air magnificent.
 After dinner went over
 to the pond & made
 a shooting booth. Saw
 a Tall Tale. Saw a Sandpiper
 the morning.

R. Deane came to stay.

Wednesday, August 19.

Clear and warm but
 very windy. Ther. about
 75° - 78° - 80°
 at 4 A. M. and with
 Lane & Ruth went shooting.
 Put out our decoys on
 the point. Soon a flock
 of about fifteen Turnstones
 came along & hovering over
 one decoy ~~to~~ each got a snare.
 Lane shot a snipe (Red Breasted)
 as it was hovering over the decoy.
 Shot also a number of Peeps.
 In A. M. we stuffed each one
 Turnstone & R. a Least Sandp.
 Took a bath. Surf fearful &
 water rather cold. After
 dinner went along the
 beach with Ruth. He shot two
 Herring Gulls at a shot & sent at
 some Turnstones. Two numbers
 of Ben started Gulls. Came back
 & went over to the salt pond. Mr.
 Smith warned us to leave.
 Went to bed at 9.30 P. M.

Thursday, August 20.

Cloudy & rained most
 of P. M. Ther. about
 60° - 70° - 70°
 Rose at 4.30 A. M.
 & went over to the pond,
 after. Deylie took father's
 gun & went with us.
 I shot three H. Legs (two
 flying). Lane shot several
 H. Legs & a Green Heron
 flying. Ruth shot three
 H. Legs & three ~~But got a *subulata*~~
 Larks. Came back along
 the beach & saw a Black
 H. Heron & a Bonaparte's Gull.
 Fished as usual. Water
 very cold. After dinner
 went over to the salt pond
 with Mr. D. & got a H. Leg
 on the other side. He shot a
 H. Leg & another unknown
~~Samuel~~ ^{the *hirsutopus*} ~~the~~ being broken.
 Saw a young Shelled Curlew.

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Friday, August 21.

Clear and rather warm.
 Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 65°. Went at 5 A.M.
 and went over to the
 Fish pond. Shot two
 Bl. ... as
 soon as we got there.
 Then shot a Kingfisher
 flying. Came back along
 the beach but saw
 nothing. After breakfast
 had breakfast and
 taken with dog, gun,
 &c. Then bathed. Water
 quite cold but very good.
 Then stayed the Salt
 Land. Shot by Mr. J. ...
 yesterday. After dinner
 went over to the harbour
 with Sam. & W. Phil.
 & shot a ...
 & 24 ... after
 took both to Cape ...

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Saturday, August 22.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 60° - 75° -
 65°. Went at 7 A.M.
 after breakfast ...
 for a while. After ...
 left by the 6.30 train.
 Then went over to ...
 ... for nearly two hours.
 Caught 2 ...
 ... two ...
 ... two ...
 Got back at 2.30 P.M.
 Sat on the piazza most
 of the P.M. and got one
 photograph. After supper
 walked over to the ...
 House & got ...
 at the ...
 ... the beach.
 Then went over to the
 ...
 the ... of the ...

Sunday, August 23.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 60°-70°-65°. Rode at 8 A.M. after breakfast shaved, Bathed at eleven. Water delightfully warm for the time but the surf rather poor. Took dinner together at the Ocean house. After dinner we all rode over to Hampton beach in an open beach wagon. Saw a Coot. Got back at about 8 P.M. after supper wrote a letter to C. Carter. Went to bed at 10 P.M.

Monday, August 24.

Clear & pleasant. Ther. about 60°-70°-60°. W. N. calm but in the afternoon a strong southerly breeze arose. Rose at 5 A.M. & went over to the harbour with gun & hatch. Found at a G. Blue Heron. Got back at 7.30 A.M. & then packed up after breakfast & left by the 10.30 coach. Then Ruth & I took a boat & fished while catching her on the current. Ran her into the surf. Then took a bath. Water quite warm. After dinner went over to the Ed pond alone & made a shooting but & killed two W. Legs at a shot sitting. Went to bed at 9 P.M.

Tuesday, August 25.

Clear and pleasant.
Ther about 60° - 71°
65°. Rose at 4.30 AM
& went over to the pond
with R. Deane. I rowed
up to the head in my
boat and soon after I
landed I got 4 Yl. Loos.
Shot three more Yl. Loos.
in the course of the morning
& one Red-b. Loos.

Saw two Tell Tals.
Went back at 11 AM.
After breakfast picked the
birds. R. Deane shot
seven Hens at a shot.
Then went out after tea.
But saw nothing. Got the
boat in the breakers &
swamped her perfectly.
On the 11.81. stuffed
the Hens & R. Deane &
Semi. Sandp. They have
a grand ball given
at the house this evening.

Wednesday, August 26.

Clear and pleasant.
Ther about 60° - 75°
60°. Rose at 5 AM.
and went over to the
Eel pond. Got a shot at
two Tell Tals but the caps
only snapped. Shot a
Kingfisher flying. Then
R. Deane shot a Seal &
fired at the others as it rose.
It lit on the sea so I dragged
my boat across & went out
after it but could not get
a shot. Then shot two Tell
Tals one sitting & the other
flying. Bathed as usual.
After dinner R. Deane
stuffed his Seal & I went
over to the pond. Shot
a Kingfisher & a Yl. Loos.
Went at a Golden Plover.
W. Philbrick killed a very
handsome Golden Plover.

Thursday, August 27.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 60° - 70°.
 65°. Rose at 5 A.M.
 and went over to the
 pond with R. Leane.
 Did not get a shot
 at anything. W. Phil.
 shot a Gull Tern and
 a Marbled Godwit.
 Came back along the
 beach and shot a
 female Sandling.
 After breakfast skipped
 the Sandling. Then
 bathed. Water quite
 warm. Father left to
 day. In P.M. went up
 to the mill pond but
 saw no ducks. Then
 down to the El pond
 & with R. Leane shot
 three Snouts flying.
 Wrote a letter to father
 in the evening.

Friday, August 28.

Clear and cool.
 Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 60°. Intended to rise
 this morning but usual
 breeze did not waft
 till 7 A.M. after breakfast
 we each started one
 of the Snouts that yesterday.
 Then bathed with Father.
 Water very warm.
 After dinner went along
 the beach. Shot three
 female Snouts but could
 find no others. R. Leane
 shot a Herring & a King
 Dick Plover. Healed
 some more at the pond
 but saw nothing.
 Got back to supper.
 Father packed up this
 morning.

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30.

From and Pleasant.
 The temperature 70° 80°
 70°. Bay for the summer
 day that we have had
 since I have been here.
 Did not see till 10th of
 it in boat and went in
 with Frank, Mr. & H. Bailey.
 We stayed in nearly 10th
 for 10 minutes as the water
 was quite warm. Then
 I got home shaved myself
 and have answered fleet
 passed by. After dinner
 wrote to both father &
 mother. Then went
 down to the beach and
 strolled till supper time.
 I ate in the evening
 heard a number of "Baptist"
 "and a few others flying
 over.

Monday, August 31.

Tuesday, September 1.

changeable.
broke cloudy

[illegible]

[Faint handwritten notes at bottom]

Wednesday, September 2.

Clear and cool. Ther.
about 60° - 70° - 65°.
I am awake now about 11,
& taking my time duck
down to the pond
with him & Willie. There
was a slight fog & the
air was very sharp. I am
about to shoot but I shot
into that sea, killing them
all. I am a great shooter
but taking him for a shot & hit
him. Went up the mountain
at 7 just before I got to my
dear old home. I shot
at them the whole morning
but saw nothing but grass & birds
& rabbits. I shot a G. L. L. L. L.
after breakfast father came & spoke
my birds in a crest L. L. L. L. L.
I am a great shooter. The
morning was very good. At 5.30
at about 8.30.

Saw a slight storm

Thursday, September 3.

at 11. Clear. P. M. wind
with East wind. Ther.
about 60° - 65° - 60°.
I am at about 8 at 11 &
thand. I spent the whole
in much at the shop.
Had some two seal for
dinner. After dinner
took a ride to church
port with father, mother
& aunt Abby rode to
backwood. Saw a Wood
pecker. Got back at 7.30. I
after supper took a walk
with father. Was troubled
very much with the heart
burn during the evening
but my rose stomach is
much better.

Friday, September 4.

Heard Swamp J. & M. H. Herts
 cloudy and had ^{rising} several heavy showers
 in P. M. Ther. about
 60° — 68° — 62°.

Rose as usual.

After breakfast took
 the coach for Haverhill
 with father. Got home
 at about 12 M. Found
 most of the peaches
 ripe. After dinner
 repacked my birds.
 Then took father's gun
 and went up to the
 pond. Saw two Wood
 Ducks go into the swamp.
 Fired at at Bl. Wg. Teal
 at the foot of the lane &
 shot a Rail. Then went
 into the swamp & shot
 a Bittern & a W. Heron
 both flying. Had to get an
 Irishman to bring me a
 plank before I could get
 out of the swamp.

Saturday, September 5.

Morning broke rainy &
 stormy. Rained till 10 A.M.
 when it cleared up. Rest
 of day clear and beautiful.
 Ther. about 60° — 75° —
 60°. Woke at 4 A.M. but
 as it was raining hard
 I did not start shooting.
 After breakfast took Billy
 & explored the swamp
 thoroughly as far as Smith's
 pond. Shot four Rails (lost
 one) & a night Heron
 all flying. Wounded a
 Bittern badly but lost
 him. Fired twice at
 Snipe & saw three.
 Got back at 4.30 P.M.
 After dinner took a ride
 with father. In the
 evening went up to R.
 Leaned & saw his Gallinule.
 Saw several Bank & Barn
 Swallows.

Sunday, September 6.

Clear and a lovely day.
 Ther. about 56° -
 70° - 60°. Rose a
 little early and plucked
 a Bittern and a Night
 Heron. Attended church
 in A.M. Dr. Pratt.
 took a ride with father
 around Spot pond in
 Stoneham. Had my
 Herons for dinner &
 found them excellent.
 Heard a A.M. Thr. Vireo
 singing this afternoon.
 Wrote a letter to Dan
 in the evening

Monday, September 7.

Cloudy and had a
 heavy shower every two
 or three hours. Ther.
 about 60° - 75° - 65°.
 Rose at 4 A.M. & went
 shooting. Fired twice at
 Wood Ducks at the foot
 of the lane. Then went
 through the swamp
 and up to Smith's pond.
 There shot two N. Herons
 sitting off the same branch
 came down by Block's island.
 Shot a N. Heron flying, two
 Snipe flying & a Bittern
 flying under four Bar. Rails.
 also on the wing. Billy
 pointed a number of times.
 The Rails all flew like Snipe
 rapidly doubling & twisting.
 Got soaked to the skin.
 Got back at 11 A.M. Then plucked
 my birds. After dinner
 cleaned my Double barrells
 & took a ride north to Chicots.

Tuesday, September 8.

Clear and rather cold.
Thur. about 54° - 70°
60°. Rose at 4 A. M.
and took Billy & pup.
Shot four Rails, three
Geal, two Night Herons
& two Green Herons.
Shot two of the Geal
flying and the third
on the water. They were
all I saw. Saw a number
of Wood Ducks.

Got back at 11 A. M.
Had three Night Herons
& a Bittern for dinner.
After dinner intended
to have had a pigeon shoot
but Ruth, did not wait for
me. Went up to the swamp
& shot two Night Herons
flying. Fired at some
Wood Ducks flying. Saw
Chimney & Barn Swallows.
Heard Virginia Rails &
L. Bill Marsh Wrens.

Wednesday, September 9.

First part of A. M. clear
Had a shower about
noon. P. M. cloudy.
Thur. about 58° - 70°
60°. Rose at 4 A. M.
& went into the swamp.
Saw nothing but two Geal
& a few Squirrels. Coming out
of the swamp saw two
Yellow Legs, a Killdeer &
a Virginia Rail. Got back
at 9 A. M. Saw about fifty
Wild Pigeons flying over.
Bailey came out to see me
at about 10 A. M. & Henshaw
also called. Took a ride
with Bailey through
Lexington & Waltham.
After dinner went up to
the pond with R. Deane
& had a pigeon shoot
& killed ~~some~~ pigeons. Saw
about twenty Wood Ducks.

Thursday, September 10.

Cloudy all day.
 Rained all of A.M.
 Ther. about 60° - 75° -
 62°. Rose at 4 A.M.
 but as it was raining
 hard I went back to
 bed again. After breakfast
 picked a basket of plums
 and read for several
 hours. Then began
 on one of the Blue Winged
 Teal shot ~~Monday~~ today.
 Henshaw called while
 I was stuffing him.
 Got through by dinner
 time. After dinner read
 a while. Then took Billy
 and went up to the
 swamp. Came upon four
 Blue Wings & shot two. Then followed
 the others & killed them both but
 on coming back found my first
 two gone. Coming out just at
 dusk shot a Wood Duck
 flying knocking him all up.

Friday, September 11.

~~Very~~ ^{Picture} ~~much~~ ^{starting} ~~startling~~ ^{swamp}
 Cloudy and rained
 several times. Ther.

about 66° - 85° -
 80°. Rose at 5 A.M.
 and went shooting.

Went first into the swamp
 where I saw about a dozen
 Wood Ducks go down.

Searched for them nearly
 two hours and at last ~~they~~
~~got~~ them up but they did not
 come within shot. Then

went over to the pond and
 moved around it in my boat.
 Fired twice at a Fish Hawk.

Met the Russells & went
 up to Spy Pond with them.
 Shot a Woodcock in the pine
 swamp to Billie's point.

Saw a Wilson's Tern on Spy
 Pond. Shot at a Kingbird
 & a St. Wng. Woodpecker.

Got back at 2 P.M. off to dinner
 went up to the railroad

& shot two Night Herons flying
 and also at a Wood Duck flying.

Saturday, September 12.

R. Deane saw some Tit Larks
 cloudy but did not
 rain. Ther. about 70° -
 80° - 70°. Rose at
 1:30 A.M. and went up
 to the swamps taking
 my shortest double barrel.
 Shot a Green-winged
 Teal sitting at a very
 long shot. Saw several
 Wood Ducks & fired at one
 flying. Then went over
 to the pond and took
 my boat. Got a good shot
 at an Osprey and wounded
 him badly. Then chained
 my boat and went first
 to Port Pond where I saw
 four Wood Ducks. Then
 to Block Island where
 I shot a Trumpet. Got back
 at 11. Then stuffed the Teal.
 After dinner went up to the swamps.
 Saw the first chukar male & Plover.
 Watched a Rail & a Merganser.
 Shot a Wood Duck flying
 but could not find them.

Sunday, September 13.

Alternately cloudy
 & clear. Ther. about
 65° - 78° - 70°.
 Rose as usual and
 shaved. Attended
 church in A.M.
 In P.M. went up
 to the Deane's and
 saw Pruthi's Wood Duck
 and Lucie's presents.
 Wrote most of the
 evening. Heard a
 Warbling Vireo singing
 to day. Had a heavy
 shower in P.M. The
 prachers are getting
 past their prime.

Monday, September 14.

Clear and a very pleasant day. Ther. about 60° - 65° - 60° . Rose at 4 A. M. and went into the swamp. Found Ruth there who had shot a Night Heron and fired several times at Wood Ducks. I soon got a flying shot at a fine Wood Duck & brought her down. Then shot another but could not find her. Then over to Block Island and shot a Snipe & a Rail. Got back at 1 P. M. Then Russell each shot a Rd. Bill. Grebe & Joe an old W. Tern. After a dinner at 2, went up to the pond & shot two Fish Hawks, one flying. Fired at a Grebe, & finished a Seal for Hittinger.

Tuesday, September 15.

Clear and cool. Ther. about 55° - 68° - 60° . Had a slight frost last night. Went down to the High School to day but after having our lessons given out we were dismissed. Then I got our lessons soon after getting home. Then went up to the pond and pulled around in my boat but saw nothing. Went over to the Glaier where I shot a Bull Terrier & wounded a Yellow Leg badly. Then watched a couple of Rd. Bill. Grebes for some time & at last got them both at a shot. Got back to dinner. After dinner went up to the railroad with H. Henshaw & shot 8 Robins in their roosting place & a Night Heron flying. Heard many Autumnal Warblers migrating after dark.

Wednesday, September 16.

Clear and pleasant
but very windy in
P. M. Ther. about
60° - 65° - 58°.

Rose as usual

After school studied
with Thos. After
dinner H. Henshaw
came up and I stuffed
the adult female Goshawk
shot yesterday. After
supper stuffed the
young bird also a female.
The Bobolinks have
all left us.

Grapes beginning.

Barthlett pears just
beginning to get ripe.

Thursday, September 17.

Clear and pleasant
but cold. Ther. about
42° - 58° - 44°
The coldest day that
we have had. Rose
a little early and
stayed. After getting
home from school cut the
wings off my Fish Hawk.
After dinner went up
to the railroad with
Henshaw. Saw numbers
of Wood Ducks and
a flock of Geese. Then
went into the wood &
I shot four & Henshaw
seven Robins. Saw numbers
of Lawrence's Sparrows &
Swamp Sparrows. Fired at
a Night Heron & saw
several Bar. Bats. Heard
Autumnal Warblers flying
as late as 10 P. M.

Friday, September 18.

Clear but cool, Ther.
about 38° - 60° -
 50° Rose as usual. Saw
before breakfast an albino
Robin on our cherry
tree. After school had
our annual football
match in which the 3rd
beat the 4th & the 1st
& 3rd beat the 2nd & 4th.
Got back to dinner. After
dinner started for the taking
my long gun & live duck.
I had scarcely got my
bird out when I got a shot
at a Wood Duck but missed him.
Then fired into a flock & knocked
one but failed to find him. Then
fired both barrels into six B.
Wing. Real killing four. Then
saw a Turtle Dove flying. Then
shot a single Blue Wing & a few
minutes after one of two Green
Wings both flying over my
decay. Got back to supper.

Saturday, September 19.

Saw several Snowbirds plainly.
A.M. clear. P.M. cloudy.
Ther. about 42° - 65° -
 52° . Rose at 4 A.M.
and taking Billy went
up to the swamp. Saw
a Turtle Dove & a Com. Coot
before it was fairly light.
As it was fast getting light
the Snipe began to fly over
the swamp in large numbers.
Got a flying shot at a Teal but
missed him. Then heard Swamp
Sparrows, Ch. W. Thr. & S. Rails
singing. Went up to Pond pond
& shot two handsome male Wood
Ducks with one barrel & a female
with the other. They were accompanied
by several Teal. Got back at 10 A.M.
Then stuffed a male Wood Duck
after dinner went up to the
swamp & shot a B. W. Teal
& a Snipe but failed to get the
latter. Saw a flight Hawk
studded at 10 in the evening.
Heard a Wren sing.

Sunday, September 20.

Cloudy & rained most of the day. Ther. about 56° — 65° — 60° .

Rose as usual and shared, attended church in A. M.

Wrote a letter to C. Carter in the evening, and to Dan in the afternoon.

The woods and gardens are literally alive with autumnal Warblers and there seems to be a continual stream passing over during the whole night as it is impossible to be out in open air ten minutes without hearing them. Most of the species except the latest varieties have gone. The grass is very green and only the maples in the swamps have turned as yet.

Monday, September 21.

Clear and a most lovely day. Ther. about 50° — 56° — 50° .

Frost as usual. Walked down to school with E. Dodge & Theo. Studied at the R. immediately after getting back.

After dinner went up to the swamp with Henshaw and met R. Deane there. Then went over to the railroad and shot three Robins. H. shot four. I fired once at a Night Heron.

Got back at 7.30 P. M. After supper cleaned both of my double guns. Saw numbers of Snipe & a solitary Sandpiper, but no ducks. Theo carried a petition around this evening for having Saturdays again.

Tuesday, September 22.

A.M. Clear, P.M.
cloudy. Ther. about
40° — 50° — 50°.

Rose as usual and
walked down with
the boys. Had a fire
in the furnace today for
the first time. After
school studied with
Thos. Then went up
to the pond and
thence to Peart pond
but saw nothing. Carried
up two Seal Weasels.

Heard numbers of Bat
Birds & saw a Night
Hawk. Got back at 7 P.M.
After supper carried
around a petition with
J. Russell for getting
our Saturdays back
again.

Wednesday, September 23.

Cloudy and rained
most of the day.

Ther. about 58° — 60° —
60°. Rose at 3.30 A.M.
and went up to the
pond where I found
R. I came waiting for
me. Got out our decoys
long before light. Just
as the day was dawning
three Mall lit and I got
one of them as they
sprang. Started back at
6 A.M. and got my dry
clothes on in time for breakfast.
Saw a Tit Lark. After school
studied as usual.

After dinner went up to
the swamp but saw
nothing but a few Snipe.
Saw & Virginia Rails,
& did not fire a shot. Saw
several autumnal Warblers.

Thursday, September 24.

Cloudy and sprinkled a little in P. M.
 Ther. about 60° - 65° - 50°. Rose as usual & walked down with the boys, after getting home from school had lunch consisting of a few crackers & the meat shot yesterday. Then started shooting with Henshaw taking both pup. & Billy. First shot a C. Rail at the foot of the lane. Then through the Swamp but saw nothing but a Green Heron. Billy made a very long point on a Snipe. Then over to Black Island. Shot each two Snipe and saw nearly fifty others but they all rose wild. Saw one ~~swarm~~ of twelve Snipe all flying together & another accompanied by a Pectoral. Saw Cat Birds, Vir. Rails (Heard one sing) & C. Herons. I shot four Robins near the track. Saw two Night Hawks

Friday, September 25.

Cloudy all day. Rained hard all last night & all this forenoon.

Ther. about 50° - 60° - 50°. Rose as usual.

After getting back from school, had lunch immediately and started shooting taking Billy & my long gun. I shot first a Coot on the pond firing both barrels at him. Then killed a Muskrat in the Glacialis. Next tried the meadows & shot three Snipe & two Carolina Rails without missing a shot. Then went up to Smith's pond and on my way down shot a Virginia Rail & missed a Night Hawk of which I saw numbers. Saw L. B. Mar. Wrens & Sav. Sparrows. Saw only four Snipe. Measured my birds in the evening & caught my duck for to morrow morning.

Saturday, September 26.

A. M. cloudy. Most of P. M. clear. Ther. about 60° - 65° - 58° . Rose at 8.30 A. M. & dressed myself although it was raining fast but no sooner had I got out than it stopped. Had to bale out my boat & by the time I had got my decoys out the day was dawning. Saw nothing for some time, but three Wood Ducks passing over high. Just as I was taking in my decoy a duck, probably a Wh. Wing. Gull came into the pond. I rushed up to within ~~aloud~~ shot of him & pulled both triggers but only wounded him badly. The swamp snappers are arrayed in their most gorgeous colors. Got back at 10.30 A. M. Then stuffed my Gull (male) shot yesterday. After dinner went up to the pond & pulled around it seeing a Grebe & several Night Hawks. Studied in evening. Autumnals flying this evening as thick as ever.

Sunday, September 27.

Cloudy and rained nearly all day. Ther. about 54° - 60° - 54° . Rose as usual and shaved. In A. M. attended church as usual. After dinner took a walk with father, taking gun. Heard a Swamp Sparrow sing. The peeps (Bartlett) are all gone, and there are very few peaches left. The grapes are fast turning and if the frost holds off for a short time longer they will soon ripen. Autumnals still abundant. Saw a House Wren to day.

Monday, September 28.

Clear and a beautiful day at last. Ther. about 60° — 70° — 65° .
 Frost as usual.
 Had lunch as soon as I got back from school and then started shooting in my wagon with J. Russell. Rode up to Lexington meeting Rodgers & Frank Low as we were passing the pond. Knocked a Gray Squirrel & a stone wall but he got away. Then cut down a young Ruffed Grouse at a close cross shot but Billy pulled most of his tail feathers out. Got a number of wild grapes & shot two skunks for measurements.
 Got back at 7.30 P. M.

Read most of the evening.

Tuesday, September 29.

Saw a Phoebe.

Clear but very windy. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50° . Frost as usual. After getting back from school had lunch. Then started shooting with H. Henshaw in my wagon. Got out first at the Woodcock grounds beyond Mill Hill. After a most careful search Billy put up a cock which lit a short distance off. I put him up myself again & fired a long shot at him but missed him. Saw a Yellow Bump & a Pig Hawk. Then over to the pond in Waltham. But saw nothing. H. shot a turtledove & a Robin. Went into Port pond coming home. Saw a Night Hawk. Walnuts beginning to turn & swamps maples about to lose their leaves.

Wednesday, September 30.

A. M. clear and cold
 P. M. warm, cloudy
 & windy. Ther. about
 42° - 60° - 60°

Rose at 3.30 A. M.
 and went up to the pond.
 Got out our decoys at about
 5 A. M. and soon three
 Black Ducks came over &
 I got a female & R. Deane
 another. Then shot a bon.
 Coot. Then a flock of about
 twenty Buddy Ducks came
 into the pond and R.
 Deane & I together shot
 ten of which two were shot.
 & wounded many others. Fished
 at a Gr. Bl. Heron. Left the
 pond covered with boats
 chasing the running ducks.

After school began on a female
 Buddy & finished her at 6 P. M.
 Then took a ride around the
 pond taking pup

Thursday, October 1.

Cloudy but no rain
 50° - 60° - 50°
 Rose at 3.30 A. M. & went
 up to the pond

Shot two Buddy Ducks
~~In the P. M. stuffed the~~
~~Buddy Duck that was~~
~~clay -~~
 In the evening cleared
 bottom my gunnys
 For P. M. took Tiger
 and carried my boat
 up to the pond with
 Ohio and then sculled
 it all over the pond.

Friday, October 2.

Cloudy & rain most of
the A.M.,
ther 50° 62° 50°

Ran at 4.45 a.m. &
went up to the pond

took my smallest
boat & shot a Black
duck flying firing
bolt & landing at
him at once

Saw a number
of the same kind
in the P.M. went up
to the pond & put
Reno baby into the
small boat

Saturday, October 3.

Cloudy & rain all
the A.M.,
ther

50° 60° 50°
went at 3.30 & went up
to the pond in the basin
decoyed seven black ducks
nearly in, when they were
startled by a boat, and flew
over us, Ruth bringing down
one which he could not find
then chased a scoter above
the pond for some time,
coming home shot a king-fish
with a heavy charge thereby
hunting my hand badly

got home at 9.30 & A.M.
wet through, after which
stuffed my black duck
shot yesterday. In P.M.
went up to the pond with
R. Deane and saw the Scoter
again, a Loon seen on
the pond to day

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Sunday, October 4.

Clear and beautiful day. Ther about 50-60-50
 as usual and
 attended church in A.M.
 In P.M. rode over
 to Stoneham with father
 and saw six black ducks
 and a Lemmings white
 pointer.

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Monday, October 5.

Cloudy and warm.
 Ther. about 55°-60°-
 55°. Rose at usual, 11
 and walked down with
 the boys. Studied as soon
 as I got back from
 school. Then went
 up to the pond with
 R. Deane and fired
 some anchors for our
 ducks. Saw a Black
 Duck and a light
 Hawk. Went to bed at
 8.30 P.M. My hand
 is beginning to heal.

Tuesday, October 6.

Clear but rather windy.
Ther. about 60° - 70° -
 48° . Rose at 3.30 A.M.
and went up to the
pond with B. Deam.
Got our ducks out
at least half an hour
before daylight. Saw
nothing during the
morning but one Black
Duck, which I fired
at as it passed high
overhead. Saw only
Charlie Chunnery on the
pond. Got home to
breakfast. Per P.M.
rode over to Stoneham
with father & mother
and tried to track for
the jaegers but could
not. Studied at B's in
evening. Henshaw shot
a Gt. Wing Teal.

Wednesday, October 7.

Saw several Crossbills.
Clear most of the day
Ther. about 40° - 75° -
 60° . Rose as usual
and walked down
with the boys. After
school studied with
Theo. Then took Billy
& went up to the pond.
Went through the
swamp & got a Snipe
& a Bittern both flying.
Billy hunted the former
& I had to fire twice
at the latter to kill him
dead. Then started a Black
Duck & wounded him
badly but as I mistook the
triggers, I failed to get the
second barrel into him. Saw
a Gt. Lark, a C. Rail & Rusties
in abundance. Wrote most
of the evening. Bed at 9 P.M.
Saw a Phoebe & a Barn
Swallow with shattered
wing feathers.

Thursday, October 8.

A.M. clear for the most part. P.M. cloudy and rained quite hard for an hour or more. Ther. about 60° - 74° - 60°. Rose at 4 A.M. and went up to the pond meeting Ruth. at bridge. Got out our decoys by daylight but saw nothing but a Common Coot. A flock of fifteen Geese went over 'the pond'. After school studied with Theo.

Then rode over to Stonham with J. Crosswell and tried Darks again. Found a number of Woodcock which he pointed. I fired once & ~~Darling~~ ^{Darling} once but both missed. Gave pup \$2.00 for the dog. Saw eight Black Ducks & several Grass Ducks.

Friday, October 9.

Clear and cold. Ther. about 40° - 50° - 45°. Rose at 4.30 A.M. and went up to the pond but did not start ~~any~~ ducks. Took out my large boat. Saw numbers of Black Ducks but did not get a shot at any. Looked in at the little pond at the foot of the lane and got a sitting shot at a Gallinule sitting & killed him. Another rose at the shot and I fired at him wounding him badly. After school went up to the pond with Tiger and mended my boat. Then rode home & went up to the pond again taking my gun & Darks. Shot a Kingfisher & made a shooting but saw three Snakes for the first time to day.

Saturday, October 10.

Sunday, October 11.

At 7 A.M. went over to
Smelt's pond & talked with
Frost. Then came down
through the meadows &
shot a Bl. Wn. Teal & five
Snipe, Saw a G. Wn. Teal
& two Loons. Got back at 2 P.M.
Then stuffed the Gallinule shot
yesterday (fence) At 5 P.M.
slept up to the pond. Saw

Barthlett fears & Porter
apples about finished.
leaves on all the
trees are turning fast
& those of the Swamp
maples are dropping off.

two full sales, a fire & bar, daily, Crossbills, a yd. that 1 lb. & 2 lb. 13/4

Monday, October 12.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 50°—60°—50°.

Rose as usual.

There was considerable firing at the pond this morning. After school had my hair cut and studied at the P.S. Then began on the ~~chopped~~ Oast (prairie) shot Saturday & finished him by 6 P.M.

After dinner fed my dogs as usual and cleaned both my guns. Went to bed at 9 P.M.

Tuesday, October 13.

Clear and pleasant. Morning rather cold. Ther. about 42°—

65°—50°.

Rose at 4 A.M. and went up to the pond. Waited some time for Butte, but he did not come. Set out my duck on the point. Soon a Corn Coot came down to him & getting a close shot at him I killed him. Then a female Surf Duck came into the pond & Charlie Plum shot him. Then two Buddy Ducks came in one of which was shot & the other wounded. Got back to breakfast. After school went sniper shooting with H. & he killed one snipe & a spot sandpiper. I killed nothing. Studied in evening.

Wednesday, October 14.

Cloudy. Rained most of the A. M. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50 . Rose at 4 A. M. and went up to the pond. Set out my decoy off the point. Then pulled around the pond & passed a couple of Red Ducks in camp. Took which Ch. Chin. shot. He also shot a Corn. Coot. Got back to breakfast. After school studied with Tho. Then went up to the pond with him, fishing, & caught each a pickerel. Saw a Fish Hawk. Got back at 6 P. M. Went to bed at 8.30 P. M.

Thursday, October 15.

Cloudy and rained most of A. M. Ther. about 50° — 60° — 50° . Rose as usual. After school had lunch. Then took my gun & Billy & went up to the pond. Shot two Rusties. Then saw a Corn. Coot in the swamp and fired at him. Then finding that the meadows were full of Snipe I began on them & quickly shot five, when it became too dark to shoot. Billy behaved admirably & made a great many points. After supper cleaned my long gun for tomorrow.

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Friday, October 16.

Clear and a most
brisk day. Ther. about
50° - 70° - 60°.

Rose at 4.30 A. M.
I went up to the pond
taking Billy. Took out
my large boat and
skulled all over the
pond. Finally shot
two Corn. Coots at the
mouth of Whip Brook,
both flying. Then went
into the meadows & shot
eight Snipe without
missing but failed to kill
the ninth. Saw a Green
Heron & heard Swamp
Sparrows singing. Billy
made a number of points.
Coming home a fellow shot a
Coot at the foot of the lane.
Took the 2.30 P. M. train
for Concord & found Dan
laying out.

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Saturday, October 17.

Cloudy & snowed fast
all the A. M. about
four inches falling.

Ther. about 40° -
32° - 30°. Rose at 5.30
A. M. with Dan, & taking
his boat pulled up the
river to Fairhaven bay.
Saw a Fox and fired at
him at about 100 yards
distance. Also started
a Black Duck twice.

Saw a Gr. Blue Heron.
Had to pull, all the way
back against the driving
storm & by the time we
reached home we were chilled
through. Took the 7.30 train
home. In P. M. went up
to 'the pond' where R. Dana
had just shot some brown
Mourning ducks of Butcher.
Studied at B. in evening.

Sunday, October 18.

Clear but very cold
& winterish. Ther.
about 28° 45° —
 40° . Rose as usual.
Attend church in
A.M. took a ride &
called to see R. Deane
in P.M. leaves all dropping.
Much of the snow of
yesterday still remaining
in the fields. The
ground froze hard
last night.

Monday, October 19.

Cloudy & rained most
of the day. Ther. above
 55° — 66° — 60° .
Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to the pond.
Went out with Ruth in
my large boat. Came across
a flock of about a dozen
Red Dicks in the dark
and killed one as they
rose. Got another shot
also killing one.
Russell killed two
but Ruth none.
Saw one probably an
adult nearly all white.
Got home at 7.15 A.M.
After school went up to
the pond. Took a very
long shot at a flying Green
Wing & killed him on the
Glacialis. Got back at 6 P.M.
Uncle Albert & Minnie
came in the evening.

Tuesday, October 20.

Clear and pleasant.
Ther. about -50° —
 65° — 50° .

Rose at 4.30 A.M.
and went up to 'the pond'. Took my little boat & got out before Ruth came. He had to smell all the morning as somebody had stolen our oars. Got only one, & that a long flying shot at a Buffle Head but killed him. Got back in time for breakfast. After school studied & rode up to 'the pond' with Thos. & found that Pat Skins had taken our oars. Sam directly knew & began on my Buffle Head. R. Dean called in evening. Let Dart run to day for the first time.

Wednesday, October 21.

Cloudy. Began to rain at 12 M. & rained hard the rest of the day. Ther. about 40° — 50° — 50° . Rose at 4.30 A.M. and went up 'the pond'. Pulled across 'the pond' with Ruth in our large boat, towing the small one. Tried to find our oars but could not. Pulled around in my small boat & then went over to the Glacialis but not a gun was fired in the neighborhood during the morning. Ruth finally got our oars. Got home to breakfast. After school studied as usual and plucked two Buddies & my Year. Cleaned my long gun in the evening.

Thursday, October 22.

Cloudy and rained several times during the day. Snowed a little in the evening. Ther. about 40° - 46° - 38° . Rose as usual after school had lunch. Then went up to R.

Dean's and we made some block with three pins for our large boat. Then went up to the pond taking our guns and fixed on the blocks. Pulled across the pond together & also had a sail. Saw three small Geese of some kind or other pass over 'the pond'. Several ducks had been seen there during the forenoon. In evening 'studied' at the R. The leaves of most of the trees are off.

Friday, October 23.

Clear but cold. Ther. about 30° - 40° - 32° . Rose at 4.30 A.M. and went up to 'the pond'. I took my small boat out while Ruth. had the larger one. He started a large flock of Geese from the pond where they had passed the night. Saw and chased a number of Muddy Ducks but did not fire a shot. Had both my double barrells. Heard the first Tree Sparrow to day.

After school went up to 'the pond' & fixed feathers in the reeling hole & rowlocks. Went then to the meadows but saw no Snipe. Saw an Eaz. Snipe this noon in Cambridge Port.

Saturday, October 24.

Saw Brown Greases Saw the last Kingfisher.

Clear and very cold.
Ther. about 24° - 40° &
 45° . Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to 'the pond'.
Got on to four Wood
Ducks before light but
as Charlie Chin. was close
behind me fired a long shot &
only wounded one which got off.
Saw numbers of ducks on the
pond. At about 10 A.M. went
over to the Glaci. & shot an old
pair of Green Wings together with
a young one. Coming back to the
pond 6 Canvas Backs lit & I
got nearly on to them when a
train started them up & I fired a
long shot (missed). Then R. Dean
got on to them & stopped two but
did not get either. Got back at 11
A.M. & after a lunch went back
to the pond. Fred. Hitt shot a Bl.
Wing Teal Richardson a Rff.
Grouse & I saw 9 ducks on
the pond that were unknown
to me.

Sunday, October 25.

A.M. clear, P.M.
cloudy. Ther. about
 45° - 58° - 50° .
Rose as usual. Attended
church in A.M. In
P.M. rode over to Stonham
with father & saw Darling.
R. Dean called in
the evening & stayed
several hours.

Monday, October 26.

A.M. cloudy & moist.
P.M. clear. Ther. about
50° — 55° — 45°.

Rose at 4.30 A.M. &
getting Bill up to harness
Tiger ~~rode~~ up to the
Glacialis & set out my
lame duck before light.
Nothing came in during
the morning. Heard
numbers of Snipe flying
about before light. Saw
Tit Larks & Pin Finches.
Rode over to the pond
& saw young Barchers
scuttling up to them.
Buddy Ducks. Got
back to breakfast. In

P.M. stuffed my pair
of Green Wings but did
not have time to set them
up. Gave two of them to
Mr. Russell for his club
supper. I practice shot

every evening now ^{on} holding
& ^{driving}.

Tuesday, October 27.

Clear and pleasant.
P.M. very windy. Ther. about
32° — 45° — 50°. Rose
at 4.30 A.M. & met R. Dean
at his gate. Took out my mail
bag. Started five or six Whistlers
from the pond and as they
circled around the plate,
almost musical whistle of their
wings striding through the still air
was very impressive. I have
heard a harsh "calae" repeated
a number of times & found it
to be a Dumb Bird (large size)
which I shot. Saw another
duck of some kind or other. Then
went over to Smith's & shot a
Common Coot. Heard a Snow Bunt.
Got back at 11 A.M. after lunch
took Tiger & Billy & tried the
woods in Lex. & Waltham &
shot a Rabbit. Saw Crow Blackbird
& Bristles. The R's shot a large
Grouse

Wednesday, October 28.

Birds this morning

Clear and pleasant.

Ther. about 60° - 65°

48°. Rose as usual

and did not go up

to 'the pond' as I

thought it was too warm.

Got out of school at

12 A.M. After eating

my lunch took Billy

and went up to 'the

pond' intending to go into the

swamps but as they said there

were ducks on the pond I went

out in my large boat. Chased

five Dumb Birds around all

the afternoon & shot two

of them. When swimming

in security they erect their

tails & they at last took to

diving. Sailed back to the

engine house at a tremendous

rate. Drew up my small boat on

the shore for to-morrow morning

& in so doing sprained my

side badly. An unknown

Thursday, October 29.

Clear & pleasant.

Ther. about 25° - 45° - 32°

Rose at 4.30 A.M.

& went up to the pond.

It was quite cold but

nothing came into the

pond except a flock of

six ducks, which I judge

were Golden Eyes, from

the whistling of their wings.

Then went over to the Glacier

& saw a Black Duck.

In P.M. went over to

Smith's pond but did

not see anything.

Studied in evening.

Friday, October 30.

Clear and cold. Ther.
about 28° - 40° - 30°.
Rose at 4.30 A.M.
& went up to 'the pond'.
Pulled around in my
light boat - & as nothing
came in, I went over
to the Glacials. While
there a Buddy Duck
came on the the pond, &
Ruth got it. After
school went up into
Leopington taking Billy.
At his first point
fired at & missed two
h.f. Grouse & a Rabbit,
all of which came out of
the same bush. Then
Billy found a Woodcock
which I fired at three
times. Got home at
6 P.M.

Saturday, October 31.

A.M. clear & cold.
P.M. cloudy & warm.
Ther. about 22° - 40° - 50°.
Rose at 4.45 A.M. &
rode up to 'the pond', trying
Tiger at the water works.
Stayed out till 8 A.M.
but nothing came in.
Then took Ruth up into
Lex. & Wattham. He shot
a Crow from the wagon, & I
shot a female Quail on Rock
alladow. Then over to Thomas's
pond & saw large numbers
of ducks. Fired at a Gr. Wing
Goat & a H.f. Grouse. Saw a
large flock of Snow Bunts, also
Rusties, Fox Colours, Merck
Hawks & Robins. Got home
at 2 P.M. & shot two Pine
Groebaks in the yard.
In P.M. plucked some
ducks for dinner

Sunday, November 1.

Cloudy & rained nearly
all the time. Ther.
about 60° — 60° —
 50° . Rose as usual
& shaved. Spent
most of the day in
the house and
did not go to church.
R. Dean called in
P. M. & J. C. Nichols
in the evening.
The leaves are all
off, but the grass
is still quite green.

Monday, November 2.

Cloudy & rained
most of A. M. In P. M.
it snowed hard for
some time. Ther. about
 34° — 38° — 34° .

Rose as usual.
After school (which
began today at 8.45
A. M.) had lunch.
Then went up to the
B's, & studied. After
dinner at 5 P. M.
stuffed the 2 mall,
shot Saturday.
Went to bed at 10 P. M.

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Tuesday, November 3.

A. M. cloudy &
snowed a good deal.
P. M. clear & pleasant.
Thur. about 32° - 40° -
30°. Rose as usual.

Walked down to
school through the
square where the
election was going on.
After school had
lunch and cleaned
both my guns.

Then went up to the
R's & studied till 5
P. M. Then rode up to
the pond & baled out
my small boat which
was nearly full of
water. In evening stuffed
the Pine Grosbeak (young
male) shot Saturday.

Went to bed at 10.30 P. M.
Saw a Night Heron probably
the last.

Wednesday, November 4.

Clear and a beautiful
day. Thur. about 26° -
30° - 34°. Rose at
4.30 A. M. Got Bill up
& had Siger harnessed.
Rode up to Shorman's
pond taking Billy &
getting there just as it
was getting light.

Set out my ducks but
he would not quack
decently. I shot two ducks
probably G. W. That party
within shot, but they
would come no nearer.
Got back to breakfast after
having a glorious ride.
After school took a ride
with R. Dean, in his buggy
through Waverly & Belmont.
Then studied with Thos.
At 7.30 P. M. went up
to Dr. Wagoner's to see "The
Spirit of '76" & a farce

Thursday, November 5.

Cloudy & rained
most of P. M.

Ther. about 40°-50°-
38°. Rose at usual.

Walked down to school
with the boys.

Refrained from whipping
& accordingly got
dismissed ten hours

early. After having
lunch went up to
'the pond' with Theo.

Pulled across in my
small boat and then
as it began to rain, got
under the shelter of
an ice house, & stayed there
with Theo over an hour.

Then went over to Smith's
pond but saw nothing.
Studied in evening. Then
Sparrows exceedingly
numerous. Saw another
Pine Grosbeak in our
yard.

Friday, November 6.

Clear & a lovely day.

Ther. about 38°-56°-40°

Rose at 5 A. M. & went
up to 'the pond'. Pkilled
about all the morning
in my small boat but

did not see a duck of
any description. Coming
home shot a Hairy

Woodpecker & saw a flock
of six or seven White Wings
& Common Crossbills

of both sexes. After school
I had lunch. Then took

Dart, & rode up to Sherman's
pond with Tiger. Set

out a wooden trap for
tomorrow morning.

Then crept on to two Green
Wings & after missing the sitting
shot, killed a young male flying
off. Dart fetched him in.

On the way up fired a splendid
shot at a Red Tailed Hawk
from the wagon. The hawk

made several very fine shots

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Saturday, November 7.

Clear and a most lovely day. Ther. about 24° — 50° — 24°.

Rose at 4 A. M. & after getting Tiger harnessed rode up to Sherman's pond. Saw a mink in Waverly. At the pond a Black duck went out as I approached. Set out my ducks, but as nothing came in sight, I ~~made~~ stalked two Ruddy Ducks feeding near the shore & killed one which Billy retrieved. Saw nearly an acre of Rusty & Gray blackbirds, also two H. Grouse & a Woodcock. Coming home saw Crossbills & a Yellow Rump. Shot a female Red tailed Hawk from the wagon. Got home at 10 A. M. Spent the rest of the day in stuffing him. At 9 P. M. finished him & studied at N.

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Sunday, November 8.

Cloudy & rained several times. Ther. about 40° — 50° — 40°. Rose as usual & shaved. In A. M. attended church with my cousin Clara. In P. M. read & took a walk with J. Nichols. Took tea at his house in the evening. After I got home wrote to Dan & C. Carter.

Monday, November 9.

Cloudy & rained most of the time. Ther. about 40° — 45° — 40°.

Rose as usual.

Rode down to school in the car as my back has troubled me lately very badly.

Also rode home from school. After lunch went up to the R's & studied all the

P.M. In evening stuffed the Hairy Woodpecker (female) shot last Friday (6th)



Tuesday, November 10.

Cloudy & rained all day. Ther. about 40° — 50° — 40°. Rose as usual

& rode down to school although my back was much better to day. Also rode home.

After lunch picked the Gr. Wm. Seal shot Friday last, & R. Daine called in & stayed till dinner time.

After supper went up to the R's & stayed all the evening.

The hares are now all off, & the aspect of the country desolate in the extreme.

Wednesday, November 11.

Cloudy & rained
nearly all day.
Ther. about 42° —
50° — 34°. Rose
as usual and hard.
Walked down to
school. After getting
back from school had
lunch as usual.
Then made some
varnish for coloring
birds feet & legs.
In evening studied
at the R.

Thursday, November 12.

Clear but very
windy. Ther. about
40° — 45° — 30°.
Rose as usual.
Coming home from
school dropped in at
Leyman Hall & saw
the two double guns
(Ellis breech & muzzle loading)
Took three shares in
them. In P. M. studied
at R's. In the evening
went down to the
Hall with mother &
Clara and saw the
tableaus. Got home
at about 11 P. M.

Friday, November 13.

Clear & a most lovely day. Ther. about 24° - 40° - 30° . Rode as usual on the way to school while passing the Backulors' place, heard a strange cry (kuk-kr-kr-kr-kr-kr-a-a-a) & on looking saw the author of the sound, a genuine Canadian Woodpecker (*Picus Canadensis* of Audubon) In a few moments a Shrike attacked him, & drove ^{him} some distance. After school took Tiger in father's buggy & picking up Farrar took a ride up through Lex. & back through Waltham. Saw about eight Common Crossbills feeding on a stubble field & hopping about like so many Sparrows.

Saturday, November 14.

Clear and very warm for the season. Ther. about 30° - 60° - 30° . Rose at 5 A. M. Got Bill up & had Tiger harnessed. Rode up to Shurman's pond getting there by sunrise. Saw large quantities of meteors, some of them very large & splendid. Shot a Lesser Redpoll. Saw R. Deane with his team. He shot his first Woodcock today. Then rode over to the turnpike & shot a Gray Squirrel. Saw two Pine Grosbeaks. Got back at 10. Took the U. S. N. train for Concord. Went out with Dan & each of us, shot a Squirrel. I also shot a Hairy Woodpecker. Took the C. & O. train home, & found Bill waiting at Porter's.

Sunday, November 15.

A. N. cloudy. P. M.
 clear. Ther. about
 40° — 45° — 40°.
 Rose as usual & shaved.
 attended church in
 A. M. In P. M. Took
 a walk up around
 'the pond' with R. Dean.
 The gulls come into
 the pond regularly
 now, every morning.
 Read & studied most
 of evening.

Monday, November 16.

Clear and a beautiful
 day. Ther. about 30° —
 40° — 26°. Rose as
 usual. After school
 rode up through
 Belmont in my open
 buggy. Saw a Red Tailed
 Hawk sitting in a field
 near the roadside, &
 riding through a gate into
 the field, got a long flying
 shot, and killed it.
 Then beat the neighboring
 thickets for Woodcock, but
 found none. Then rode over
 Will. Hill & tried again.
 Billy found & pointed a R.
 Green, but it got out of
 range. He also started a
 rabbit. Came home by Smith's
 pond where I saw two ducks. Tied
 my horse & got a fellow to paddle
 me after them but they dove
 out of range. Fired a long
 shot at one of them.

Tuesday, November 17.

Cloudy & cold. Ther. about 26° — 34° — 32° .
 Frost as usual.

After school took my shooting wagon & Billy W. rode over to Smith's pond. There shot one of Frost's decoy ducks, taking it for a wild one, as I could only see its head. Saw a Buddy Duck in the pond but could not get a shot at it.

Got back at 5.30 P.M. In evening studied at the B.S. The Glacis is frozen over.

Wednesday, November 18.

Cloudy & rained hard all day. Ther. about 40° — 40° — 34° . Frost as usual.

Walked down to school with Theo & got late. Rode home from school as it was raining hard. There made a stand for my hawk (shot Monday) & stuffed him finishing at 8 P.M. Then studied at the B.S.

Thursday, November 19.

Cloudy but did not rain. Chased off at sunset. Ther. about 30° - 40° - 24.

Rose at 6 A. M. and went up to the pond. Baled out my mail boat and killed about all the morning but did not see any thing but a Crow. Got back to breakfast.

Resided the first three hours, & got dismissed after eating lunch rode up to the pond taking Theo. Tied Tiger & went out after a flock of about fifty Gulls but did not get a shot at them.

Then rode over to Smith's pond. Shot. Fired at an adult Ruddy Duck, which I lost finished & gave to me.

Friday, November 20.

Clear and pleasant. Ther. about 30° - 45° - 30° . Rose as usual. Resided the first three hours & got dismissed at recess. After eating lunch, took Tiger & rode up to the pond. Tried to get a shot at a number of Gulls that were sitting on the pond but they all went out. Fired at a Crow and broke the forward trigger of my long gun. Rode over to Smith's pond but did not see any thing. Had to touch off my gun with a match. Got home in time for dinner. After dinner B. Deane called & a little later Dan came in from Concord.

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Saturday, November 21.

Alternately cloudy
 & clear. Ther. about
 28° — 35° — 30°.

Rose as usual.

After breakfast harnessed
 up Tiger and took
 Dan down to John
 Hopkinson's where he
 got his gun. Then rode
 up to the pond & took
 a sail. Then rode up
 through Belmont & Dan
 bought a Long Eared
 Owl for 25cts. Then
 kept on up to Sherman's
 pond, but did not
 fire a shot during the
 day. Had lunch at
 about 1 P. M. & built
 a fire. Got home
 at 5 P. M. In evening
 I stuffed the male Dumb
 Bird shot the other day &
 Dan skinned his Owl.

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Sunday, November 22.

Cloudy but rather warm.
 Ther. about 30° — 45° —
 30°. Rose as usual
 and shaved. Attended
 church in A. M. with
 Dan. In P. M. took
 a walk with J. Nichols.
 R. Deane called in
 evening & took tea with
 us.

Monday, November 23.

Clear and a most beautiful day.

Ther. about 28° — 45° — 30° . Therm as usual. After breakfast fired twice at my pigeons flying over and wounded one of them badly. Then caught my poorest dog and took him up to 'the pond' & Dan & Jack taking a boat let him out and after firing about a dozen times at him I finished him. Then went over to Smith's pond but did not see anything. Got back at 3 P. M. after eating a lunch took Tiger in my wagon & with Dan set a trap for a rabbit & another for a mink in the pine swamp. Shot Butch who was on my back. A. H. saw a Winter Wren & several Gulls on the pond.

Tuesday, November 24.

Clear and warm with a southerly wind. Ther. about 28° — 48° — 35° . Rose as usual, after breakfast had Tiger harnessed, and set off. I stopped first at the fields near 'the pond' & had a 'pigeon shoot', killing six out of eight, each there. Went to my traps but found nothing caught. Heard some Pin. Gros. Then kept on into Waltham & started a 'bevy' of about a dozen Quail. Followed them up all day & I killed two only. Fired five shots at them. Billy made four brilliant points, & did not run into a single bird. Dan fired one shot at a single bird. Saw a Gray Squirrel. Got back at 5 P. M.

Wednesday, November 25.

A. M. clear & remarkably warm, & sunny for the season. Ther. about 30° — 46° — 30° .

Rose at 6.30 A. M. with Dan. Called Bill up, & had Tiger harnessed. Rode directly up to Waltham & tied our horse. We soon found our bag of Quail on a southerly hillside, & I stopped one as they went up. Billy got two more points, but I missed one, & did not fire at the other. Then shot two handsome male White Wing Crossbills, one of which I gave to Dan. Had lunch at 12 o'clock. Afterward shot a young Pine Grosbeak & a Blue Jay. After dinner took Dan up to Porter's station where he left for home.

Thursday, November 26.

Rainy as Thanksgiving always is. Ther. about 40° — 40° — 40° .

Rose as usual.

After breakfast had the General harnessed in the covered buggy & rode as far as Brighton with J. Nichols, when it commenced to rain so hard that we were obliged to turn back.

After dinner rode over to see Mr. Barnes, in my open buggy. When I got home found R. Deane in the barn, & talked with him for some time. Read most of the evening.

Friday, November 27.

Clear but very windy.
Ther. about 38° - 46° -
 38° . Rose at 6 A.M. 16.
& went up to 'the
pond'. The wind was
blowing a perfect gale,
but the Gulls got there
by sunrise. Fired
one shot only & that
a very long one, at a
gull. Saw several
Gulls on the Glacialis.
Got back to breakfast.
Then went into Boston
with R. Deane; called
to see Samuels first.
Then selected some cloth
for a new suit, at J. Nichols
store. Then went through
Quincy Market, down
to Sam Turner's, to Brad's,
Lovel's, & finally to Copeland's,
where we had some
oysters. Got one of Boston
at 5 P.M. Read most of evening.

Saturday, November 28.

Clear and warm.
Ther. about 24° - 45° -
 30° . Rose as usual.
After breakfast R. Deane
called & I went off with
him in his buggy.
Rode over to Stoughton
& called first to see the
elder Sprague; but he
was not at home. Then
called at his son's & talked
with him for some time.
Then rode up through
Stoughton & across towards
Winchester. Fied the horse
& I shot a female Wh. Wing
Bristle but spoilt her.
Came back through Arlington.
Stopped at 'the pond' & found a
hole knocked in the bottom of
our large boat. Got home at
3 P.M. Took bill & the tip cast,
& got my small boat
home.
Studied in evening.

Sunday, November 29.

Alternately cloudy & clear. Ther. about 36° - 40° - 34° . Rose as usual. Attended church in A. M. as usual. Read most of P. M. Wrote most of evening. Snowed a little last night.

Monday, November 30.

Cloudy & very chilly. Ther. about 26° - 40° - 33° . Rose as usual. Walked down with Theo. & called at Dalton's. Went into Boston from school. Called first at 18 Corn. Wharf to see about having a boat made, but they could do nothing for me. Then called at Craig's, Broad St. & looked over his boats but decided on nothing. Took an ice cream at Coplands. Got out at 5 P. M. After dinner studied at the Pt. In evening went down to the High School Debating Club, & heard Lincoln & Prohibition. Got back at 9.30 P. M.

Tuesday, December 1.

Cloudy all day.
 Morning broke moving
 fast & it continued
 moving until 12 A.M.
 when it ceased, about
 two inches having fallen.
 Ther. about 24° - 26° -
 20° . Rose at 6.30 A.M.
 and went up to the pond.
 Walked up along the
 shore as far as Barker's
 cove, but as I saw nothing
 came home. After
 school had lunch as
 usual. Then took Billy
 and rode up to William.
 Beat for the Quail that
 I found last week, but
 was unable to come across
 them. Got back at 5.30
 P.M. Saw several Redpolls
 this morning. Studied
 at the K. in the evening.

Wednesday, December 2.

Clear but very windy.
 Ther. about 48° - 36° -
 16° . Rose as usual
 and shaved. Walked
 down to school with
 the boys. Went home
 with Henshaw after
 school & took lunch
 with him. Looked
 over his collection of
 shells, and then went
 out on the railroad
 with him, but did
 not see any thing, and
 as it was very cold &
 windy, we came back.
 Rode up in the car
 getting home at about
 4.15 P.M. In evening studied
 at the K. Went to bed
 at 10 P.M. There was
 skating on Dr. Worcester's
 pond.

Thursday, December 3.

Clear and a beautiful day. Ther. about 18° - 40° - 28° .

Rose as usual. After school R. Deane called in. Then Farrar called & I went up to the Glacialis skating, with him. The ice was almost perfectly smooth, & quite strong. There were there perhaps thirty persons, most of the collegeans. I skated till dark & then came home with R. Deane. He shot a Black Duck to day on 'the pond' & saw a large flock of Sheldrakes. The Black Duck was among Butters & was very tame. Studied at B. in evening.

Friday, December 4.

Clear but cold & chilly. Ther. about 24° - 30° - 22° .

Arose at 6 A.M. & went up to 'the pond' taking Dart. Saw several Gulls, & a small Duck, probably a Ruddy Duck, that kept diving for food, in Cambridge nook. Did not get a shot at anything. Nearly all of Cambridge nook, was frozen. Got back to breakfast. In P.M. went up to the boat house & tried to get a boat, but could not. The same Duck was in the nook. Shot a small Winter Wren. Got back at 5 P.M. Stuffed the Wren after dinner.

Saturday, December 5.

Cloudy all day.

Commenced to snow at about 11 A.M. and snowed hard till dark, about six inches falling.

Rose as usual. I shot two male Pine Grosbeaks before breakfast, & wounded another out of a flock of five the remaining two being young birds.

After breakfast a flock of seven or eight young birds came in. After breakfast went up to Spy Pond taking Billy but found both that & Smith's frozen.

Did not get a shot at anything. Got back at 1 P.M.

In P.M. & evening stuffed the two male Grosbeaks, & R. Dean called. In evening studied.

Sunday, December 6.

Clear and pleasant. Ther. about 26° - 32° - 26° . Rose as usual & shaved. In A.M. attended church. In P.M. walked up to 'the pond' with R. Dean & looked at our boat which is frozen in. The shooting was quite good to day.

Monday, December 7.

Cloudy. Snowed a little in A.M. P.M. warm with southerly wind & pouring torrents of rain. Ther. about 24° - 40° - 46° . Rose as usual. Walked down with Thos. After getting back from school had lunch as usual. Thos helped father get his slings down. In latter part of P.M. charmed both my double guns, & put the longest away for the winter. Studied at R's in the evenings.

Tuesday, December 8.

A.M. cloudy & snowed a good deal. P.M. clear and very windy. 36° - 38° - 32° . Rose at 6 A.M. & went up to 'the pond'. Shot a Herring Gull off Pickrell point. He flew out & dropped; then drifted into the ice. Sent Dart in and he came near getting drowned in getting out again. Saw two male Buff-breasted Mergansers, and a female. Got back at quarter past eight, & was late to school. In P.M. went up to the pond with R. Dean & got our large boat home. Got my Gull coming across the cove, & found great difficulty in getting free from the ice. Got my muskrat with coat tails at Dalton's this evening.

Wednesday, December 9.

Cold & blew a perfect gale of wind. Ther. about 20° — 30° — 24° :
 Rose at 6 A.M. & went up to the pond. The gulls did not however get there until just as I was leaving, so I did not get any shots. Got back to breakfast. After school went up to the pond. There were only two gulls in, but I quickly got a shot at one, an adult female, & brought her down with a broken wing. Billy fetched her out of the water. Then R. Dean came up, & we went over to the hotel & saw the six remaining Wood Ducks. In evening studied at the Ps as usual.

Thursday, December 10.

Clear but comparatively still. Ther. about 12° — 24° — 16° . Rose as usual. Immediately after getting back from school, began on my Gull, & by eight in the evening had him ready to be set up. Then went up to the Ps & studied as usual.

Friday, December 11.

Cloudy & very cold.
 Ther. about 10° - 26° -
 20° . Rose as usual.
 Walked down to
 school alone.
 After lunch finished
 the Gull stuffed
 yesterday. Then Henshaw
 called & I went up
 to see R. Deane with
 him. Then had
 Tiger harnessed &
 took him home, through
 Wighton. In the
 evening read & wrote.
 The ground is for the
 most part bare & frozen
 hard, but there is still
 considerable snow lying
 under the fences & in
 sheltered places.

Saturday, December 12.

Clear but cold.
 Ther. about 20° - 28° -
 20° . Rose as usual.
 After breakfast had
 Tiger harnessed. Rode
 up to the Pine Swamp
 first & got my muskrat
 traps. Then kept on
 into Waltham. Shot
 a Common Crossbill &
 saw a large flock of Geese.
 Then found my Quail,
 & stopped on at the first
 rise getting both barrels
 into them, but he afterwards
 got off. Fired two shot more
 at single birds, over Billy's
 "point" but missed them
 both. On the way home
 fired at a Red Tailed Hawk
 & knocked feathers out of him.
 Saw a Shrike. Got back at
 3 P.M. Pulled & tarred my
 old boat & got in into the
 barn.

Sunday, December 13.

Clear & comparatively warm. Ther. about 14° - 31° - 20° .

Rose as usual & shaved. Attended church in A. M.

In P. M. took a walk up to 'the pond' with the dogs. The ice in the cove was all smooth as glass, & the skaters were numerous.

Got back at 4.30 P. M.
Wrote most of evening.

Monday, December 14.

Clear and calm.
Ther. about 10° - 28° - 20° . Thore as usual.
After eating lunch went up to 'the pond' with R. Deane. Found Cambridge nook covered with skaters & the ice smooth. Skated all the afternoon & met: Tom, Chase, Whittimore, H. Reed, Farrar, Allen, J. Swain, Fred Hittinger & others. Nearly the entire middle of 'the pond' is still open but the coves are all closed up. Kutshatch are still abundant.
Walked home with Farrar & R. Deane.

Studied at R. in the evening. Wrote our first Latin Camp today.

Tuesday, December 15.

Clear and comparatively warm. Ther. about 16° — 31° — 16° .

Rose as usual.

Walked down with the boys. After eating lunch went up to 'the pond' with E. Dodge. A slight drizzle of snow fell last night, & it has almost ruined the skating. Skated all the afternoon. R. Dean, J. Swain, Fred. Hittinger, Devons & others were on the ice. The whole of 'the pond' froze over last night for the first time this year.

Got back in time for dinner. In evening studied at the R. Wrote one second Latin Comp. paper to day, Percentage of yesterday's 53

Wednesday, December 16.

Cloudy & chilly but did not snow. Ther. about 14° — 32° — 20° .

Rose as usual.

Went into Boston from school and met father at the bird store. Looked at some thighs & saw a velocipede.

Then father came home & I went up to Cragin & Sheldon's & bought the skiff that I looked at before. Got home in time for dinner.

Studied at the R. as usual, in the evening. Percentage of yesterday's Latin Comp. 20

Thursday, December 17.

Clear & very pleasant.
Thur. about 28° —
 28° — 34° .

Rose as usual.

Walked down with
the boys. In kicking
football at recess got
thrown on the frozen
ground & got a severe
bruise on the back.

Wrote our third Latin
Comp. paper to day.

Pr. 53. In P. M.
went to work on my
old shuff & made
& fitted two seats before
dark. Studied at the
Ps' in the evening.

R. Deane shot two
shore larks near the
river to day.

Heard some Pine
Grosbeaks.

Friday, December 18.

Clear. A. M. warm
& pleasant. P. M. clear
but very cold.

Thur. about 36° — 32° —
 22° . Rose as usual.

Walked down with
B. Dodge. My back is
very lame to day.

In P. M. finished
“tinkering” my boat.

In evening went
down to the Loysam
Hall with mother to
private theatricals.

Play “Our best society.”
Did not get home till
10 P. M. The ground is
now entirely bare again.
All the ponds are
closed with ice but
the skating is poor.

Saturday, December 19.

Clear but very cold, in fact the coldest day that we have had. Ther. about $5^{\circ} - 20^{\circ} - 10^{\circ}$.

Rose as usual. After breakfast took my gun & Billy & started shooting. Went up to Watertown. Billy found a Rf. Grouse opposite the Cemetery but he could not find it a second time. Kept on through the "Feeding Grounds": shot a Snow Bird & a Goldfinch for measurements & saw Pin Grosbeaks, & Purple Finches. Coming home again found the Partridge & at the second rise knocked her over handsomely at a long cross shot. Stuffed her in P. M. & evening. Also studied at Rf in evening.

Sunday, December 20.

Cloudy all day. Snowed all A. M. Rained all P. M. & cleared off all the snow. Ther. about $20^{\circ} - 36^{\circ} - 42^{\circ}$. Rose as usual. Dr. A. M. attended the opening of Dr. Everett's the Unitarian church. Read all P. M. & evening.

Wednesday
~~Monday~~, December 23.

Clear but very cold.
 Ther. about 10° - 25° -
 16° . Rose as usual.
 Walked down with
 'the boys'. Wrote the fifth
 Latin Comp. to day.
 My per. 60.
 After getting home
 from school skinned
 & stretched the three
 musk rats shot
 yesterday & R. Deane,
 who got back from
 St. York last night,
 called in. Then walked
 at the R's. In the
 evening stuffed the
 Corn. Crossbill shot
 Dec. 12 a week & a half
 ago.

Thursday
~~Tuesday~~, December 24

Clear but excessively
 cold. Ther. about 16° -
 20° - 6° . Rose as
 usual. Dart dismissed
 at recess. After eating
 lunch, took Dart &
 started off on foot, shooting.
 Went up first through the
 Swamp which was frozen
 almost solid. They were
 making a road through
 the upper part of it, &
 Simpson's field is shortly
 to be converted into a brick
 yard. Then through the
 Robin Swamp & Pine Woods
 into Belmont. Found my
 Musk rat brook entirely
 closed by ice. Came back
 across Smith's & Fresh ponds
 on the former of which the ice
 was twelve & on the latter about
 eight inches thick.
 Studied at Rivin

Monday
~~Wednesday~~, December 21.

Clear and very warm
 with a southerly wind.
 In fact such a day
 as would do credit to
 April himself, & altogether
 out of place in black
 December. Ther. about
 $35^{\circ} - 45^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$.

Rose as usual. Walked
 down with the boys.
 Thos. having a bad headache
 was absent to day.

Came home through
 the Square & bought half
 a pound of paint.

When I got home painted
 the seats of my old boat.
 My new boat was sent
 out from Boston to day.
 In P.M. took a ride
 through Belmont & Waverly,
 taking Dork & saw a
 muskrat in the brook near
 Belmont. Studied in the
 evening at the B's.

Tuesday, December 22

Mr. & Mrs. Dexter got home
 Clear and almost as
 warm & pleasant as
 yesterday. Ther. about
 $25^{\circ} - 35^{\circ} - 28^{\circ}$.

Rose as usual & walked
 down with the boys.

After getting back from
 school had lunch as usual.

Then had Tiger harnessed
 & rode up to the Belmont
 brook where I tied him.

First got a long shot at a
 muskrat on the ice & killed
 him. Then got a close shot

at one swimming partly
 under water & Dork pulled
 him out as he was in his death

struggle. Then got another close
 shot, & killed the rat with a
 charge of No. 12. Walked up to

Belmont. Saw three Tit
 Larks. Of the muskrats the
 first two were very large &
 the third somewhat smaller.

Studied at B's in evening.

off to our fourth lat. Corp. Nov. 68

Friday, December 25.

Clear but very cold.
 Ther. about 1° - 20° -
 10° . Rose as usual.
 Worked most of the
 A.M. & all the P.M.
 on my new boat &
 made two seats &
 a locker for it.
 J. Nichols & R. Deane
 spent most of the
 A.M. with me & R.
 Deane the P.M.
 Went up to the Deane's
 in the evening & saw
 Mr. Dexter & wife.
 Received as Christmas
 presents, two knipers,
 two books, sleeve buttons
 &c. &c.

Saturday, December 26.

Clear but very cold.
 Ther. about 12° - 20° -
 10° . Rose as usual
 After breakfast went
 up to get Ruth. to go
 shooting but he was not
 at home. Started off
 alone at 10 A.M. went
 up through the Cemetery
 to the "feeding ground"
 where I saw several
 Crossbills & shot a Pur. Finch
 for measurements. There
 kept on and came across
 about a dozen Fin. ~~Robins~~
 & fifteen or twenty Robins
 Shot two Robins at a shot
 Dart fetched one of them
 nearly to me. On the way
 back went to a hole in the ice of the
 river where some Ducks had
 been seen. Saw a fellow who had
 speared about one hundred eels.
 Got back at 3 P.M. Went down

Turned out.

to the planing mill in the rockaway
 & got my sled & found that I had

Sunday, December 27.

Cloudy but did not
snow. Ther. about
1° — 25° —

Rose as usual &
shaved. Did not attend
church on account of
my bad cold.

Wrote in my record
most of the day.
Saw a Nuthatch &
a Hairy Woodpecker.

Monday, December 28.

Clear and and a very
pleasant day. Ther.
about 24° — 36° — 24°
About four inches of
snow fell last night.
Rose a little early to
study my Arithmetic.
After school walked into
Boston with the Ps.
Looked at several
kinds of club skates.
but made no selection.
J. Russell bought a pair
of the seven dollar clubs.
Rode out, getting home
at 6.45 P.M. Studied
in evening at the Ps.
but only got my Greek.
At 7.30 P.M. went into
Prof. Horsford's to see
some theatricals & was
introduced to Gertrude.
Went to bed at 10 P.M.
Wrote the first Greek compo-
sition. Per. 47

Tuesday, December 29.

Cloudy all day.
 Cleared off in the
 evening. Rained during
 the latter part of P. M.
 Ther. about 14° to 40° -
 32° . Rose a little
 early and studied
 Arith. After getting
 back from school
 had Vigor harnessed.
 Just as I was starting
 R. Dean called and
 wanted me to go over to
 the river for Tom cod.
 Rode up into Waltham
 & tried Clematis brook
 for muskrats, but
 did not see any.
 Got quite wet
 coming home.
 Studied at the P's
 in the evening.

Wednesday, December 30.

Clear and pleasant.
 Ther. about 14° - 30° -
 24° . Rose a little early
 and studied. Walked
 down to school with
 the boys. Went into
 Boston from school
 to fulfill an appointment
 at Dr. Stearns's. He
 excavated one of my
 teeth and in so doing
 touched on the nerve.
 He however managed to
 fill it with a kind of
~~paste~~ that will become
 hard. Also went up to
 see Mr. Samuels & found
 him mounting parasites.
 Then went up to Tremont
 St. & bought a pair of
 $\$7\frac{1}{2}$ club skates. Got out
 at 8.30 P. M. Studied at
 P's in evening.

Thursday, December 31.

Cloudy but did not snow. Ther. about 26° — 36° — 30° .

Rose a little early & shaved. Walked down to school with the boys. After getting back from school, read till father came out from Boston bringing my boots in which the plates had been set for my club skates. Then went up to the pond with Farrar & J. Burrill and skated till nearly six. Got the "redox"

The pond was smooth in places but the skating as a general thing was not very good.

Was invited into Prof. Horsford's to tea but did not get home in time to go.

Friday, January 1, 1869.

Birds shot at Bye from Aug 15
Sept. 2nd 1868

Yellow Legs - 30

Teal 3

Tall Tales 3

Southern - Red Breasted - 7

" - English 3

Ringed Plover - 20

Jaegers 1

Gr. & Birds 2

Common Rail - 1

Sandlings 2

Solitary Sandpiper - 2

Puff. Breasted - 200

Winged Teal 4

Wing Teal 3

Sandpiper - male

Shot at Bye Aug 20 68

Length to end of tail - 9 inch

Wing extent = 18 "

Bill from gape - 1 1/2 "

Leg. 4 1/2 "

Outer joint of wing 5 1/4 "

Red Breasted Souther - male

Tall Tale Gr. Teal - male

Red Breasted Sandpiper - female

Semipalmated Sandpiper - female

Blue Winged Teal - female

Sandling Sandpiper - female

Wing Teal Sandpiper - male

Wing Teal - male

Jaegers - male

Puff. Breasted

Adult Teal

Common Rail - Sept 8 - female

Sept. 12 aft-off

" 29 " "

Oct 15th " "

" 23rd " "

Nov. 6 " "

Dec. 8 " "

